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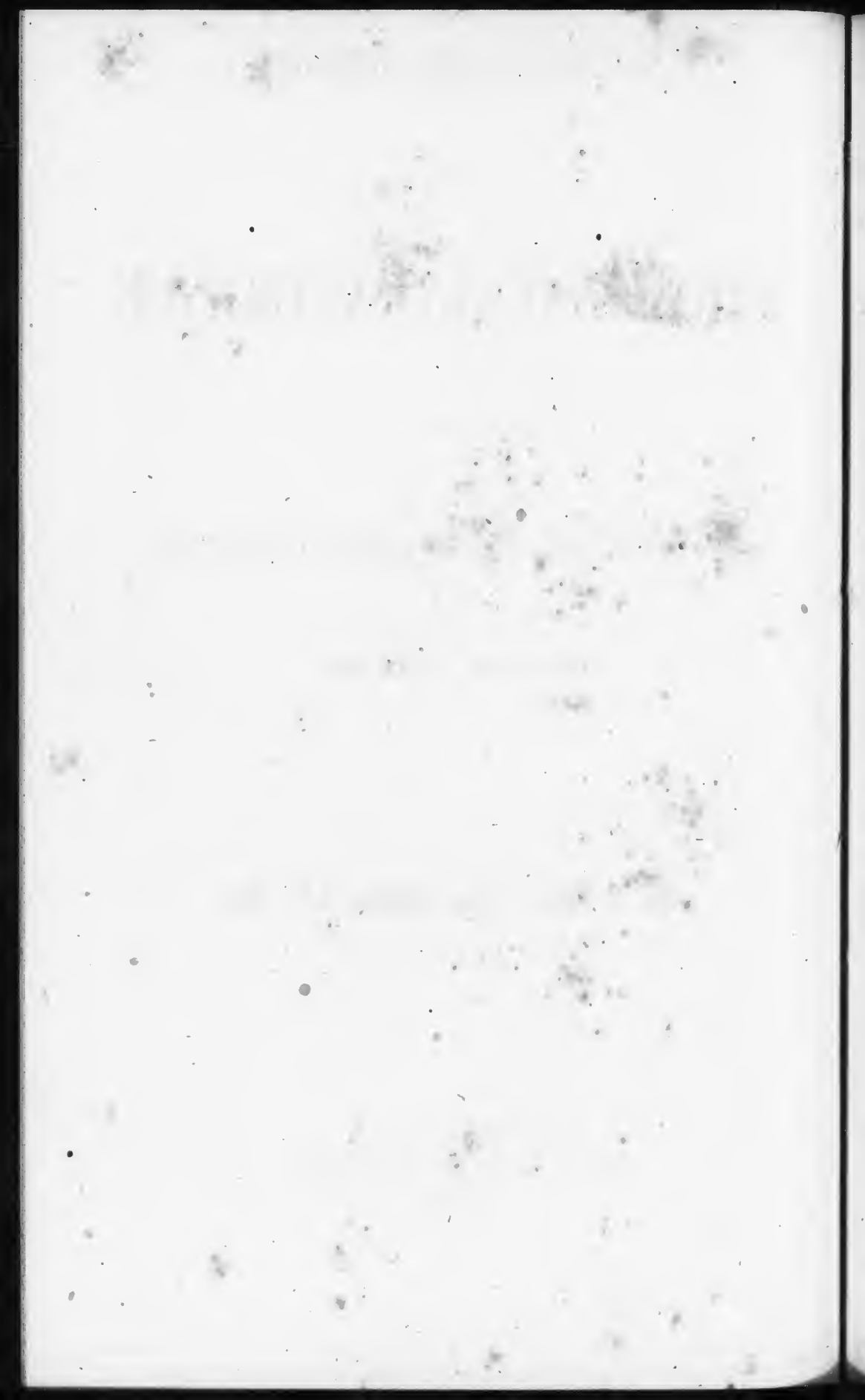
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## VISITORS.

*To Iowa Wesleyan University*—C. B. Clark, B. F. Karns, C. L. Stafford, Geo. M. Tuttle, J. W. Chaffin, N. J. Smith, Mrs. Emma Sloan, F. T. Campbell, Miss Ida Hindman.

*To Garrett Biblical Institute*—Dr. W. J. Spaulding, Dr. J. C. W. Coxe.

## EXAMINING COMMITTEES, &amp;C., FOR 1877.

*For Admission on Trial*—G. W. Byrkit, W. H. H. Smith, S. H. Thomas.

*First Year*—C. B. Clark, W. H. H. Pillsbury, J. R. Noble.

*Second Year*—N. Wells, A. McClintock, O. P. Light.

*Third Year*—J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Simmons, E. L. Briggs.

*Fourth Year*—John Wheeler, T. E. Corkhill, F. W. Evans.

*Local Deacons and Elders*—I. P. Teter, D. Murphy, John Davis.

*To Preach Missionary Sermon*—S. S. Murphy. Alternate, John Haynes.

## TRIERS OF APPEALS.

John Haynes, I. A. Bradrick, J. M. Coates, T. E. Corkhill, J. B. Hardy, Jesse Craig.

## II. DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1.—Have any entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?

ANSWER.—F. W. Evans, J. S. Freeland, W. A. Presson, G. M. Tuttle, J. W. Wright—5.

QUESTION 2.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER.—James H. Rockwell—1.

QUESTION 3.—Who remain on trial?

ANSWER.—Samuel P. Craver, Jacob H. Hard, Willey R. Stryker—3.

QUESTION 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANSWER.—A. J. Belknap, L. C. Carroll, W. N. Groome, W. S. Hurt, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters, G. W. F. Willey—7.

QUESTION 5.—Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

ANSWER.—A. J. Belknap, W. N. Groome, W. S. Hurt, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters 5.

QUESTION 6.—Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?

ANSWER.—R. A. Carnine, L. O. Housel, James Hunter, Augustus C. Keeler, A. V. Kendrick, J. T. McFarland, C. H. Montgomery, H. F. Pugh, H. E. Wing—9.

QUESTION 7.—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANSWER.—S. R. Ferguson, A. V. Francis, A. R. Jones, E. P. Michener, C. R. Norton—5.

QUESTION 8.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANSWER.—M. Carrier, John Elrod, J. T. McFarland, D. T. Monroe, Wm. Poston, J. S. Rankin, M. See, E. W. Twining, E. H. Waring—9.

QUESTION 9.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER.—John Burgess, E. H. Coddington, John Harris, John Hayden, James Haynes, B. Holland, A. W. Johnson, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. H. McCutcheon, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyan, A. W. Stryker, and L. C. Woodford—14.

QUESTION 10.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

ANSWER.—Their names were called in open Conference.

QUESTION 11.—Have any located?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 12.—Have any withdrawn?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 13.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

ANSWER.—J. H. Miller and J. A. Wilson, to the Des Moines Conference.

QUESTION 14.—Have any been expelled?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 15.—Have any died?

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 16.—What is the statistical report?

ANSWER.—See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference funds?

ANSWER.—See Steward's Report.

QUESTION 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.—See same report.

QUESTION 19.—Are any one of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of the Conference, and what is their condition?

ANSWER.—The Iowa Wesleyan University. See reports of Trustees and Committee on Education.

QUESTION 20.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER.—At Fairfield. Time not fixed.

QUESTION 21.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

ANSWER.—Anthony Housel, as a local Deacon—1.

QUESTION 22.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

ANSWER.—See list of Officers and Managers of Conference Societies.

QUESTION 23.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

ANSWER.—See Appointments.



### III. JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

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#### FIRST DAY.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 6, 1876.

The Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met to hold its Thirty-Third Session in the First M. E. Church of Ottumwa, Iowa, Wednesday, September 6th, 1876, at 8:30 o'clock A. M., Bishop J. W. Wiley presiding.

After calling the Conference to order, the Bishop read from the Scriptures found in First Cor. iii., and announced the 707th hymn, beginning

"And are we yet alive?"

After the singing of the hymn by the congregation, Bro. Allender led in prayer, and the Bishop proceeded with the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The former Secretary being absent, the former Assistant Secretary, G. N. Power, called the roll and the following members answered to their names: Allender, Bamford, Barton, Bevan, Blakeney, Bradrick, Briggs, Brown, Busby, Byrkit, Carnine, Chaffin, Cheney, C. B. Clark, Coates, Cooper, Corkhill, Cowles, Coxe, Craig, Davis, Elrod, J. S. Ferguson, S. R. Ferguson, Francis, Haines, Hardy, John Haynes, Holtzinger, Houzel, Hunter, Jennis, Johnson, Jones, Karnes, Keeler, John C. Kendrick, A. V. Kendrick, Light, Mark, McClintock, McDonald, McDowell, Michener, T. C. Miller, Monroe, Montgomery, Morey, S. S. Murphy, Myers, Noble, Norton, Patterson, Potter, Power, Pugh, Reasoner, Reynolds, Anthony Robinson, Schreiner, See, Shane, Shepherd, Simmons, D. C. Smith, U. B. Smith, W. H. H. Smith, Stafford, Teter, Thomas, Thorne, Wells, Wheeler, Wing.—Total, 74.

The Conference proceeded to elect a Secretary. G. N. Power, H. E. Wing and J. C. W. Coxe were nominated. Brothers Wing and Coxe withdrew their names and G. N. Power was elected to the office. The following Assistant Secretaries were chosen: H. E. Wing, C. L. Stafford, C. W. Shepherd, T. J. Myers, and J. W. Cheney.

The transfer of G. M. Tuttle from the Vermont Conference was announced, and he was introduced to the conference. F. W. Evans and W. A. Presson were also announced as transferred from the Des Moines Conference. They are Elders.

The following committees were appointed:

*Agent of the Publication Fund*—H. E. Wing.

*Auditing Committee*—G. W. Byrkit, R. Kenyon, C. P. Reynolds.

*Bible Cause*—O. P. Light, W. E. Patterson, G. H. Clark, S. H. Thomas, E. P. Michener, A. R. Jones.

*Book and Periodical Accounts*—J. R. Noble, W. S. Hurt, J. L. King, A. McClintock, S. R. Ferguson, John Potter.

*Church Extension*—The Officers and Managers of the Conference Board.

*Domestic Missions*—The Presiding Elders.

*Education*—J. B. Blakeney, John Wheeler, J. W. Chaffin, E. L. Briggs, C. L. Stafford, I. N. Busby.

*Freedman's Aid*—I. P. Teter, W. H. H. Smith, J. S. Ferguson, B. F. Karns, A. C. Keeler, C. R. Norton.

*Memoirs*—T. E. Corkhill, J. W. McDonald, J. B. Blakeney.

*Necessitous Cases*—The Stewards.

*Periodicals*—J. C. W. Coxe, R. B. Allender, N. Wells, E. Sampson, J. M. Coates, D. T. Monroe.

*Post Offices*—P. F. Holtzinger, A. W. Haines, H. F. Pugh, A. V. Francis, A. Kershaw, G. Nulton.

*Public Worship*—The Pastors of the Churches in Ottumwa, and the Presiding Elder of the Ottumwa District.

*Sabbath Observance*—S. S. Murphy, James Hunter, John Davis, U. B. Smith, C. Morey, T. J. Myers.

*State of the Church*—O. C. Shelton, C. S. Cooper, Dennis Murphy, J. W. McDonald, J. M. Mann, T. E. Corkhill.

*Stewards of the Conference*—J. B. Hill, T. C. Miller, J. W. Robinson, G. Nulton, J. G. Barton, E. L. Schreiner.

*Sunday Schools*—The Officers and Managers of the Conference Board.

*Temperance*—J. Craig, J. P. Rice, J. Gassner, C. S. Jennis, B. F. Shane, C. W. Shepherd.

*Tracts*—F. W. Evans, W. H. Honn, J. C. Kendrick.

*Woman's Foreign Missionary Society*—M. Bamford, E. L. Schreiner, H. E. Wing, D. C. Bevan, C. B. Clark, C. R. Norton.

W. R. Stryker was, on motion, appointed Post Master of the Conference.

A committee of six was ordered to consider the revision of the Articles of Incorporation of the Conference, and the following brethren were elected to constitute such committee: A. Robinson, R. B. Allender, W. J. Spaulding, J. B. Hardy, W. G. Thorn, J. T. Simmons.

A committee to consider the subject of the solemnizing of marriage by unordained preachers, was ordered, and the following brethren were elected as such committee: I. A. Bradrick, B. Mark, W. F. Cowles.

O. P. Light was appointed to receive the collections for the Episcopal Fund.

E. L. Briggs was appointed to receive the moneys collected for the Educational Funds.

J. C. Kendrick was appointed to receive the collections for General Conference Expenses.

A motion prevailed that the Educational Collections of the Iowa Conference be applied to the Iowa Wesleyan University.

The following brethren were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Iowa Wesleyan University: J. G. Barton, C. S. Cooper, H. E. Wing, U. B. Smith, J. W. Robinson, C. W. Shepherd.

It was moved that the preachers be instructed to report, as ministerial support, their estimated salaries only. Bro. Cowles moved, as a substitute, that the preachers report the salary and the estimated rental of the parsonage, or the amount paid by the society for rent where there is no preacher's house, which motion prevailed.

The hours of session were fixed at from 8:30 A. M., to 12 noon.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the north side of the third window.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and the names of the effective Elders were called. I. A. Bradrick was represented and passed, and gave a verbal report of the Burlington District. The following brethren were passed: J. C. W. Coxe, J. B. Blakeney, J. G. Barton, O. C. Shelton, J. Craig, I. P. Teter, J. R. Noble, M. Bamford, J. C. Kendrick, S. S. Murphy, O. P. Light, G. W. Byrkit, P. F. Holtzinger, G. M. Tuttle, A. Robinson, E. J. Pike, E. W. Twining, J. Orr.

It was moved that when the names of the preachers in charge are called they report the Missionary Collection. Bro. Cowles moved, as an amendment, that the collection for Conference claimants be also reported. Bro. Power moved, as a substitute, that the preachers in charge report all their collections when their names are called. The substitute was lost. The amendment was lost. As the Discipline provides for the report of the Missionary Collection, the original motion was not put on its passage.

The case of R. Stephenson was represented, and it was moved that he be located. Bro. Wells moved, as an amendment, that he be discontinued. Bro. Cowles moved, as a substitute, that his case be referred to a committee for trial, and the substitute prevailed. I. P. Teter was appointed to prosecute the case.

A draft on the Chartered Fund, for thirty dollars, was drawn by the President.

Dr. Reed, of the Parent Missionary Society, Dr. McCabe, of the Church Extension Society, Rev. Mr. Reed, of the Presbyterian Church of Fairfield, Rev. Mr. Freeland, of the West Virginia Conference, and Rev. J. G. Eckels, of the United Brethren Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Conference was adjourned by expiration of time.

The usual announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and the assembly was dismissed with the Benediction by Dr. Reed.

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## SECOND DAY.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7—8:30 A. M.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop. Bro. Light led the opening religious services.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of yesterday's absentees was called, and the following brethren responded: Samuel Hestwood, R. S. Kenyon, Jas. L. King, T. M. Kirkpatrick, Dennis Murphy, George Nulton, John Orr, E. J. Pike, J. P. Rice, O. C. Shelton, George Swanston, and F. W. Evans.

C. P. Reynolds was appointed a committee on the New York Book Accounts.

The following were appointed a Committee on Church Property: C. B. Clark, Jesse Craig, and C. S. Jennis.

A communication from the Garrett Biblical Institute was passed to the Committee on Education.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and John Haynes, the Presiding Elder of the Keokuk District, was represented and passed. He presented a written report of his district. The following brethren were represented and passed: W. H. H. Pillsbury, John Wheeler, A. W. Haines, J. W. Cheney, E. L. Schreiner, R. B. Allender, W. E. Patterson, C. S. Cooper, Geo. Swanston, J. P. Rice, W. H. H. Smith.

W. F. Cowles, the Presiding Elder of the Mount Pleasant District, was represented and passed. He presented a brief written report. The following Effective Elders were represented and passed: D. Murphy, J. B. Hill, J. T. Coleman, J. Gassner, F. W. Evans, J. Davis, N. Wells, G. H. Clark, J. L. King, J. S. Ferguson, J. G. Thompson, J. W. Chaffin, W. I. Miller, W. J. Spaulding, J. R. Reasoner.

J. C. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Muscatine District, was represented and passed. He presented his annual report. The following Elders were represented and passed: J. W. McDonald, S. H. Thomas, R. J. Kenyon, U. B. Smith, E. Sampson, D. C. Bevan, J. B. Hardy, B. F. Karns, C. S. Jennis, A. McClintock, W. H. Honn, E. L. Briggs.

A paper from the Keokuk District, regarding the District Conference, was received and read by the Secretary.

I. O. Kemble, the Secretary of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society, being absent, Geo. W. Byrkit was elected to act in his place.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and D. C. Smith, the Presiding Elder of the Oskaloosa District, was represented and passed. He reported the work of his district. The following Effective Elders were represented and passed: C. B. Clark, C. L. Stafford, W. J. Thorn, B. Mark, J. W. Robinson, C. Morey, B. F. Shane, T. C. Miller, C. P. Reynolds, J. M. Coates, J. M. Mann, W. H. Presson.

Geo. N. Power, of the Ottumwa District, was represented and passed.

He reported the work on his district. The following preachers were represented and passed: J. T. Simmons, I. N. Busby, I. O. Kemble, Geo. Nulton, C. W. Shepherd, T. E. Corkhill, J. Potter, T. J. Myers, E. H. Waring, D. T. Monroe.

Bro. Monroe asked for a supernumerary relation, which, on motion of Bro. Power, was granted.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Bro. Cowles the part of the above report which refers to vacancies in the Board of Trustees, was referred to the committee appointed to nominate Trustees.

Dr. Reed presented the claims of the Parent Missionary Society.

The following ministerial brethren were introduced to the Conference: Bros. Steward and Austin, of the Des Moines Conference; Bro. Wheat, of the Missouri Conference; Bro. Dobbs, of the St. Louis Conference, and Bro. Miller, of the United Brethren Church.

Rev. A. Ward, of the American Peace Society, addressed the Conference.

On motion the following brethren were appointed a committee to draft proper resolutions regarding the subject presented by Bro. Ward: T. E. Corkhill, I. P. Teter, S. S. Murphy.

The following resolution was presented by Bros. Schreiner and Simmons, and adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. A. Wilson has been transferred to the Des Moines Conference since our last session,

*Resolved*, That he has our fullest confidence and sympathy as a faithful minister of Christ, and that we welcome him to a home in the Iowa Conference at any time he may desire to return.

Bro. Teter moved to reconsider the action of the Conference, yesterday, regarding the case of Bro. Stephenson, which motion prevailed, and on motion of Bro. Cowles, the case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Burlington District for trial.

The usual announcements were made.

The minutes were read and approved. The Conference was adjourned by expiration of time. The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Brown.

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## THIRD DAY.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—8:30 A. M.

The Conference was called to order by the President.

Bro. Morey led the opening religious services.

The Eighth Question was then taken up. The following supernumerary brethren had their characters passed, and their relation continued: M. Carrier, John Elrod, M. See, and Wm. Poston.

S. Hestwood was represented, and at his own request made effective.

On motion of Bro. Cowles, J. S. Rankin was granted a location at his request.

On motion of Bro. Power, Thomas Stephenson was made effective at his request.

The Ninth Question was taken up and the following superannuated preachers were represented and passed, and their relation continued: E. H. Coddington, John Hayden, B. Holland, A. W. Johnson, J. McCutchen, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyon, A. W. Stryker, L. C. Woodford, John Burgess, James Haynes, John Harris, T. M. Kirkpatrick.

Bros. Johnson, McDowell, Robinson, and Kirkpatrick, being present, addressed the Conference in fitting terms.

Bro. Bradrick, of the Burlington District, called up the case of E. W. Twining, who was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Third Question was called, and the following brethren of the first class were represented and reported by the Examining Committee, and continued on trial: Willey R. Stryker and Jacob H. Hard.

Samuel P. Craver, a missionary in Mexico, was represented and continued on trial.

Eugene S. Daily was discontinued at his request.

The minutes of the Muscatine District were received and placed on file.

The Fourth Question was taken up. The following brethren, belonging to the class of the second year, presented themselves at the bar of the Conference and were addressed by the Bishop: A. J. Belknap, L. C. Carroll, W. N. Groome, W. S. Hurt, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters. They gave satisfactory answers to the disciplinary questions.

The following were passed, and reported their missionary collections. The examining committee reported favorably, their Presiding Elders represented them, and they were admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders: A. J. Belknap, W. N. Groome, W. S. Hurt, A. Kershaw, D. A. Watters.

L. C. Carroll was passed, and reported his missionary collection. The Committee of Examination reported favorably, his Presiding Elder recommended him, and he was admitted to full connection, having been previously ordained deacon.

G. F. W. Willey was passed and admitted to full connection. He too is a deacon.

The Seventh Question was taken up, and the names of the following deacons of the second class were called: A. V. Francis, A. R. Jones, E. P. Michener, C. L. Nulton. They were passed, were favorably reported by the Examining Committee, and were elected to elder's orders. S. R. Ferguson, a deacon of the first class, was passed, reported favorably by the Committee, and was elected to elder's orders.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Conference to investigate the management of the Iowa Wesleyan University, presented their report, and on motion the report was accepted.

It was moved that the report be adopted. An amendment was moved by Bro. Simmons, that the report be recommitted.

It was moved by Bro. Cowles to lay the motion to recommit on the table, which motion prevailed:

On motion of Bro. Haynes, the subject was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

A bill of \$205.50 from John T. Wheeler was presented, and on motion of Bro. Wing, it was referred to a committee of three. The following brethren were elected to constitute the committee: J. C. W. Coxe, J. W. McDonald, E. L. Schreiner.

Bro. Bradrick was, at his request, released from the committee on the solemnizing of marriage by unordained preachers, and Bro. Teter was, on motion, elected in his place.

The minutes were read and approved. The session was adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the assembly dismissed with the Benediction by Bro. Mark.

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## FOURTH DAY.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—8:30 A. M.

The Conference convened at the regular hour, Bishop Wiley in the Chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Bro. Shelton.

Communications were read from Frank Paxton, Presiding Elder of the Davenport District, Upper Iowa Conference, with the Committee on Conference Claimants, and the pastor of the Fourteenth Street Church of Davenport, concerning the case of L. C. Woodford, a claimant on this Conference. The papers were referred to the Conference Stewards.

The Twenty-first Question was taken up. Anthony Housel came before the Conference with a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of Riverside and Richmond Circuit, for deacon's orders. The Committee on Examination reported favorably. The Bishop stated that in view of the newness of the District Conferences, and the transition of duties from the Quarterly Conferences to the District Conferences, the administration, in some cases, has allowed the technical requirement of the recommendation from the District Conference to be dispensed with, when the candidate has been properly recommended by the Quarterly Conference. He was elected to deacon's orders.

The Secretary passed to the Auditing Committee certain accounts in his possession.

The order of the day for 9 o'clock, being the motion to adopt the report

of the committee appointed to investigate the financial management of the Iowa Wesleyan University, was taken up.

A motion prevailed, that those members of the Board of Trustees of said University, and of the Investigating Committee, who are not members of the Conference, be allowed to participate in the discussion of the subject.

It was determined, on motion of Bro. Power, to take up the report item by item.

The first item, regarding securities, was adopted.

The second item, regarding the neglect of the Board of Trustees to accept a donation of lands from Lee Clafin, was not adopted.

The third item, in reference to the failure of the Trustees to accept an endowment fund from Col. Geo. B. Corkhill, was adopted.

The fifth item, regarding the general management of the business of the institution was taken up. It was moved that the paragraph contrasting the present board with the former ones, be stricken out. On motion of Bro. Corkhill, this item was laid on the table for the present.

The fourth item, regarding the sale of the Clafin railroad bonds, was taken up. On motion of the Secretary, Henry Ambler, Esq., was requested to make a statement of his relation to the subject. The time of the session was extended to give Bro. Ambler opportunity to complete his remarks.

A motion that when we adjourn it be to meet again at 2 P. M. was carried.

The conference was adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the assembly was dismissed with the Benediction by Bro. Barton.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9—2 P. M.

Rev. Banner Mark, by appointment of the Bishop, occupied the chair.

Bro. Hardy conducted the opening religious services.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The business that was pending at the close of the morning session, the consideration of the fourth item of the report of the committee to investigate the affairs of the Iowa Wesleyan University, was taken up. The question was on the motion to adopt this item of the report.

Bro. Ambler occupied the time of the session. At the close of his remarks a motion prevailed that the subject be made the order of the day for Monday at 9 A. M., after which the Conference adjourned.



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## FIFTH DAY.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—8:30 A. M.

The Conference convened at the regular time, the Bishop in the Chair.

The opening religious services were conducted by Bro. Holland.

The minutes of the Saturday afternoon's session were read and approved.

Vouchers from the Sunday School Committee, amounting to \$99.10 for the Sunday School Union, were placed on file.

The Agent of the Publication Fund made his annual report, which was referred to the special committee on the bill of J. T. Wheeler.

Vouchers from the Committee on the Episcopal Fund for \$318.70 were filed.

The Sixth Question was taken up, and the following deacons were passed, reported on favorably by the Examining Committee, recommended by their Presiding Elders, and advanced to deacons of the second class: R. A. Carnine, L. O. Housel, James Hunter, Augustus C. Keeler, Americus V. Kendrick, Chas. H. Montgomery, J. T. McFarland, H. F. Pugh, H. E. Wing. The promoting of Charles H. Montgomery was, at his own request, made conditional upon his passing the examination for two years at the next Conference.

At his request, on motion of Bro. Brown, J. T. McFarland was granted a supernumerary relation.

E. H. Waring, at his request, on motion of his Presiding Elder, was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Twenty-third Question was then taken up. Fairfield, Knoxville and Marengo were put in nomination as the place of holding the next Conference. Fairfield was selected by vote.

Vouchers from the Committee on the Tract Society were filed to the amount of \$80.77.

John Haynes, I. A. Bradrick, J. M. Coates, T. E. Corkhill, Jesse Craig, O. C. Shelton, and J. B. Hardy, were made Triers of Appeals.

The Conference voted on the proposition to change Section II. Paragraph 70 of the Discipline, that it may read: "They shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of the Annual Conference, nor allow of a less number than one for every one hundred." The vote stood, seventy for, and one against the change.

A vote was also taken on the proposition to alter Section II. Paragraph 157, to read: "To form the districts according to his judgment, the Annual Conference having the right to determine the number of districts; provided that no Conference shall have less than two districts, nor shall any district contain more than sixty charges. The vote stood forty-three for and forty-four against.

On motion of A. W. Haines, the following persons were elected Trustees

of the Bentonsport church property: N. Shepherd, James F. Bailey, Henry Gilbert, A. N. Stevens, George W. Jack.

On motion of the Secretary, the above named Trustees were instructed to transfer the Bentonsport property to a Board of Trustees to be elected by the Quarterly Conference of the Bentonsport Circuit.

Dr. Benj. St. James Fry, the editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference in regard to our church periodicals.

D. C. Smith and I. P. Teter introduced the following resolution, which, on motion, were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we request the agents to somewhat reduce the size of the *entral Christian Advocate*, so as to reduce the price of subscription to \$2.00 per copy.

*Resolved*, That we will stand by this paper, and make it our Conference paper.

C. R. Norton was, on motion, appointed Post Master, in place of Bro. Slaughter.

The order of the day was taken up. The pending question was a motion to adopt the fourth item of the report of the investigating committee of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

A motion prevailed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

The Bishop filed the following certificates of ordination:

This certifies that the following named persons were by me ordained deacons in the M. E. Church: Augustus J. Belknap, Wm. N. Groome, William S. Hurt, Andrew Kershaw, Dennis A. Watters Anthony Housel.  
I. W. WILEY.

*Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 10, 1876.*

This certifies that the following named persons were by me, assisted by five elders, ordained elders in the M. E. Church: Anthony V. Francis, Alvan R. Jones, Enoch P. Michener, Charles R. Norton, Stephen R. Ferguson.

I. W. WILEY.

*Ottumwa, Iowa, Sept. 10th, 1876.*

The following resolution was presented by J. T. Simmons, J. Craig and T. E. Corkhill, but was not adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Bishop be and is hereby requested, in the arrangement of the districts, not to put more than thirteen appointments in a district;

The following resolution, introduced by N. Wells and J. Gassner, was put on its passage and was not adopted:

*Resolved*. That the Bishop be requested not to appoint any man to the office of Presiding Elder for more than one term until he has served at least four years in some other department of labor, unless in his judgment the interests of the church absolutely demand it.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Hardy.

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 AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11—1:30 P. M.

Rev. J. B. Blakeney, by appointment of the Bishop, occupied the Chair. The introductory religious services were led by Bro. C. B. Clark.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Cowles, the preacher in charge at Bentonsport was instructed to procure an abstract of the title by which the Bentonsport church property is held.

The question pending on the adjournment of the morning session, *i. e.*, the motion to adopt the fourth item of the report of the investigating committee of the Iowa Wesleyan University, was taken up.

After some general discussion, it was moved by the Secretary, that after Henry Ambler shall have made his statement, one member of the Board of Trustees and one of the investigating committee be allowed to sum up the evidence in the case, when the vote shall be taken. The motion prevailed. Bro. Ambler addressed the Conference regarding the subject. Bro. Cowles presented the case for the Trustees, and Bro. Emory for the committee.

Pending the discussion of the subject the Bishop took the Chair.

The ayes and nays were called for, but the call was not sustained.

Bro. Blakeney moved to amend by striking out that part of the report which reflects upon Bro. Ambler.

It was moved as a substitute for the amendment, to change the item so as to make it read: "The committee is clearly of the opinion that Mr. Ambler ought to have had full knowledge upon the subject."

Bro. Blakeney withdrew his motion and accepted the substitute.

Bro. Cowles renewed Bro. Blakeney's motion to amend, and it was put to vote and laid on the table.

The substitute was then put to vote and carried.

The motion to adopt the fourth item, as thus amended, then prevailed.

On motion the fifth item was then adopted, and then the report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Conference then adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Shelton.

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 SIXTH DAY.
 

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—8:30 A. M.

The Conference convened, with the Bishop in the Chair.

The opening religious services were conducted by Bro. Thompson.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Bishop and Cabinet nominated the following Board of Church Extension: S. S. Murphy, President; L. Whiting, Vice President; John Haynes, Recording Secretary; G. N. Power, Corresponding Secretary; Chas. Snider, Treasurer; A. Robinson, A. L. Brooks, J. Kauffman, I. N. Bradrick, S. P. Mills.

The following Examining Committees were appointed:

*On Trial*—G. W. Byrkit, W. H. H. Smith, S. H. Thomas

*First Year*—C. B. Clark, W. H. H. Pillsbury, J. R. Noble.

*Second Year*—N. Wells, A. McClintock, O. P. Light.

*Third Year*—J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Simmons, E. L. Briggs.

*Fourth Year*—John Wheeler, T. E. Corkhill, F. W. Evans.

*Local Deacons and Elders*—I. P. Teter, D. Murphy, John Davis.

*To Preach Missionary Sermon*—S. S. Murphy. Alternate, John Haynes.

The following report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was adopted:

The Conference Board of Missions met at the Bishop's room on Monday evening, September 11th, 1876, and organized by the appointment of G. N. Power, Chairman, and John Haynes, Secretary.

The following Missions were constituted, and appropriations made, viz: Wapello, \$250; Main Street, Ottumwa, \$250.

G. N. POWER, *Chairman.*

JOHN HAYNES, *Secretary.*

I concur in the above. I. W. WILEY.

The following nominations were made for officers of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, which, on motion, were elected:

President, D. C. Smith; First Vice President, E. L. Schreiner; Second Vice President, C. L. Stafford; First Lady Vice President, Mrs. T. E. Corkhill; Second Lady Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Brown; Third Lady Vice President, Mrs. I. O. Kemble; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. N. Power; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. Murphy.

The following report of the committee on J. T. Wheeler's bill for printing Conference Minutes, was, on motion, adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the bill of J. T. Wheeler, for printing Conference Minutes, for 1875, respectfully report that after having examined into the facts of the case, we judge it is a matter with which the Conference is not directly concerned, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

J. C. W. COXE

E. L. SCHREINER.

J. W. McDONALD.

J. C. Brown moved to reconsider the vote by which J. S. Rankin was located, which motion prevailed. On motion he was granted a supernumerary relation.

The report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid Society was received and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was received and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Visiting Committee of the Iowa Wesleyan University was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The following report of the Auditing Committee was adopted, and on motion of the Secretary a collection was ordered to meet the balance due.

The undersigned, Auditing Committee, beg leave to report that we have examined the accompanying accounts of Secretary and former Secretary, amounting to \$13.12, and find them to be correct.

R. J. KENYON.  
C. P. REYNOLDS.  
G. W. BYRKIT.

The collection amounted to \$13.66.

The Committee on the Bible Cause reported and their report was adopted. (See Report.)

W. E. Patterson reported a collection of forty dollars, and he was instructed to hand the collections to O. P. Light to pass to the General Agent of the American Bible Society.

The report of the Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Conference Camp Meeting was adopted. (See Report.)

It was moved that the same committee be continued to take charge of the camp meeting next year, which motion prevailed. I. O. Kemble and R. B. Allender were added to the committee.

The following brethren were, on motion, appointed a committee to inquire concerning a permanent location for a Conference Camp Meeting: Blakeney, Briggs, Schreiner, Reynolds, Barton, Evans.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was adopted. (See Report.)

The following officers and Managers of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society were elected: President, J. B. Hardy; Vice President, J. Craig. Managers—S. Hestwood, Geo. Nulton, T. C. Miller, D. C. Bevan, F. W. Evans, C. L. Stafford, F. Bacon, Virgil Roberts, T. Whiting, J. B. Weaver, N. J. Smith, J. Kauffman:

The report of the Committee on the Garrett Biblical Institute was received and adopted. (See Report.)

The following Officers and Managers of the Educational Society were nominated by the Committee and elected: President, J. C. W. Coxe; Vice President, S. S. Murphy; Secretary, G. W. Byrkit; Treasurer, I. O. Kemble. Managers—B. Mark, J. G. Barton, C. S. Cooper, E. L. Schreiner, C. L. Stafford, J. W. Cheney, W. I. Babb, R. S. McIntire; W. Tackaberry, J. Mahin, F. M. Davenport, G. M. Bowen.

The report of the Committee on Book and Periodical Accounts was received and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on the Bishop's Fund was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee on the Bible Cause filed a receipt from O. P. Light, for \$40.45.

The Bishop announced that the claim of the Bishop's Fund upon this Conference for the ensuing year is \$1,000, and the distribution of last year was adopted.

The Conference Stewards made their report, which was adopted. (See Report).

On motion of Bro. Cowles, the Conference was given an opportunity to make an offering to Bro. Coddington, as a token of our affection and esteem — \$27.60 was the amount collected.

A motion prevailed that the Stewards be instructed to report as collections for Conference claimants only such funds as are passed into the general fund.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Committee on Education was read. (See Report.)

On motion the report was adopted, except the part recommending the appointment of an agent.

On motion, that part of the report which recommends the appointment of an agent was referred to the Trustees, with instructions to them to employ an agent whenever his support is guaranteed, if a proper person, in their judgment, can be found.

On motion, a committee of one from each other district was added to the committee already appointed at Mt. Pleasant, to provide for the support of the agent, as follows: O. P. Light, John Wheeler, A. McClintock, T. C. Miller, J. Haynes.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

The committee to nominate Trustees reported the following nominations: For four years, J. B. Blakeney, E. L. Briggs, J. W. McDonald, F. T. Campbell, J. Conaway, B. Mark.

On motion, these nominations were confirmed.

The resignation of W. I. Babb, as Trustee, was not accepted.

The resignation of E. H. Waring, as Trustee, was announced and accepted. The Committee on Nominations presented the name of D. C. Smith in his place, which nomination was adopted.

The Committee on Publication was instructed to print two thousand copies of the Minutes, to be distributed among the preachers in charge according to the membership.

The Auditing Committee read the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

Your Committee desire to report that we have audited the accounts of Presiding Elders, respecting Missionary Funds of the past year, and find them to be correct.

G. W. BYRKIT.

R. J. KENYON.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That we extend to our esteemed Bishop our highest regards, and devoutly pray that his health may be fully restored, and his valuable services may be continued to the whole church for years to come.

*Resolved*, That we are gratified with his presence among us, and should hail his return as our presiding officer in the future with great pleasure.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Amid the many excellencies of this young and growing city this one is prominent, that they are given to hospitality; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we do hereby express our thanks to the families and friends who have so generously entertained us during our session in Ottumwa.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs, a memoir of Sister Mary A. Power, was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The Committee to Revise the Articles of Incorporation of the Iowa Conference made their report. The report was read and adopted. (See Report.)

The following resolution, presented by J. B. Hill and D. Murphy, was, on motion, adopted:

*Resolved*, That we do hereby respectfully request the Bishop, in the arrangement of the plan of Episcopal visitations, to change the time of the session of this Conference to the last week in September.

The Statistical Secretary read his report.

The following brethren were elected Trustees of the Conference: J. G. Barton, J. B. Hill, E. L. Schreiner, I. P. Teter, C. L. Stafford, D. C. Emory, George House.

A resolution regarding a Central Methodist University of Iowa was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society read his report and placed it on file.

The Second Question was taken up. Coleson Fawcett, from Mt. Pleasant District, was presented to the Conference. The Presiding Elder, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew his recommendation, with the understanding that he may be employed as a supply. James H. Rockwell, from Ottumwa District, was presented to the Conference. He was represented and admitted on trial.

The following transfers were announced by the Bishop: Jno. S. Free-land, an elder, from the West Virginia Conference, and James W. Wright, and elder, from the Southern Illinois Conference.

It was moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. The motion prevailed.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Dennis Murphy.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—2 P. M.

The opening religious exercises were conducted by Bro. McClintock.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The following resolution was presented by F. W. Evans and I. O. Kemble, and adopted:

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*Resolved*, That this Conference, in adopting the report of the Committee of Investigation, did not mean to cast the least imputation on the honesty and integrity of Bro. Ambler.

J. C. Kendrick, the agent appointed to receive money for General Conference Expenses, reported \$10.40 in his hands belonging to the fund. He was, on motion, instructed to send the same to the Book Concern.

The report of the Committee on the Sale of Church Property was read and adopted. (See Report).

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

The Conference united in singing the 221st hymn, beginning,

“ And let our bodies part.”

Bro. Mark led in prayer.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, and announced the appointments for the coming year.

The Doxology was sung, and the Conference was dismissed with the Benediction by the Bishop.



## IV. REPORTS.

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### I. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

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Your committee report that, whereas, the interests of the corporation demand that the records and funds of the organization have some local permanency; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the third Article of Incorporation be substituted by the following:

"The business of this corporation shall be controlled and directed by a Board of Trustees, of not less than seven in number, five of whom shall be members of the Conference, and two of whom shall be laymen who shall reside in Ottumwa, one of whom shall be the Secretary, and the other the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, all of whom shall be elected or appointed annually by the Conference, and shall hold their office until their successors shall be duly appointed.

J. T. SIMMONS, *Secretary*.

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### II. BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

That we have received from the various charges of the Conference, in vouchers, \$235.94, in cash \$40.75, making a total \$276.69.

It is the sense of this committee that the members of the Conference, in reporting their Bible collections, should accompany, with their reports, either the money or vouchers for the same.

O. P. LIGHT, *Chairman*.

WM. E. PATTERSON, *Secretary*.

A. R. JONES.

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### III. BOOK ACCOUNTS.

We, your Committee on Book and Periodical Accounts, beg leave to make the following report:

The book agents request us to call particular attention to the fact that they are not allowed, by the law of the church, to give credit to ministers who have unsettled accounts with the Book Concern of more than one year's standing.

We earnestly recommend to our brethren not to incur these embarrassing debts with the Book Concern, as this is exceedingly detrimental to the interests of the church and themselves.

We desire also to state that some among us are involved in debts of this kind, to a greater extent than would seem to be prudent.

J. R. NOBLE, *Chairman.*

J. L. KING, *Secretary.*

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#### IV. CAMP MEETING.

Your Committee on "Arrangements for Conference Camp Meeting for the Promotion of Christian Holiness," report as follows :

After considerable preliminary labor a ground was obtained at Agency City, and the time fixed, August 10th, 1876, for holding the camp meeting.

Through the favor of a most gracious Providence, Dr. A. Lowrey and wife, of Philadelphia, Rev. S. H. Henderson and wife, of the Upper Iowa Conference, and Miss Belle S. Leonard, of Evanston, Illinois, were secured, who rendered most efficient services. The children's department was effectually sustained by brother Kemble, of our own Conference.

The camp meeting was well attended by an interested and earnest Christian people, and thousands came and went from day to day. The Lord was gloriously present, by his Spirit, throughout the entire meeting. About fifty persons professed conversion, and from seventy-five to one hundred persons professed to enter into the experience and life of entire sanctification.

The whole cost of the camp meeting, we take great pleasure in saying, amounting to \$369.95, was mainly met by the proceeds of the boarding house and public collections taken on the grounds.

Your committee also recommends the appointment of a special committee to select a location for a permanent "Conference Camp Ground," and also to arrange for holding another camp meeting during the ensuing Conference year.

J. T. SIMMONS, *President.*

O. P. LIGHT, *Secretary.*

JOHN WHEELER.

J. B. HILL.

J. GASSNER.

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#### V. EDUCATIONAL.

##### A.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee would report that in response to a communication received from the Garret Biblical Institute, and referred to this committee, the following resolution is presented for your adoption, viz :

That we hear with pleasure of the continued prosperity and success of the Garret Biblical Institute, at Evanston, Illinois, and recognizing as we do the utility of such an institution for the Northwest, and for the church generally, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend that Dr. W. J. Spaulding and Dr. J. C. W. Coxe be appointed visitors to the above institution for the ensuing year.

In considering the interests of the Iowa Wesleyan University, your committee would recommend the appointment of the following persons as visitors for the next Conference year, viz: Revs. C. B. Clark, B. F. Karns, C. L. Stafford, Geo. M. Tuttle, J. W. Chaffin; N. J. Smith, Esq., of Oskaloosa, Mrs. Emma Sloan, of Eddyville, F. T. Campbell, of Newton, and Miss Ida Hindman, of Keokuk.

We also highly approve of the very satisfactory result in filling the chairs of the institution with able and efficient officers and professors. We recognize in the election of Dr. W. J. Spaulding to the presidency of the institution an accession of strength, and an officer of ability and integrity, who will, with his associates in the faculty, be amply able to manage and direct the educational and disciplinary matters to success and continued prosperity.

We also heartily approve of the appointment of Wray Beattie, A. M., and I. O. Kemble, A. M., to professorships in the institution, believing that the faculty has been greatly strengthened by their accession to it, and that the institution may reasonably look for even a greater degree of prosperity in the future than ever before.

The committee also recommend that an agent be put into the field for the purpose of increasing the endowment fund of the Iowa Wesleyan University, provided his salary can be secured by the plan proposed by the Board of Trustees, of one hundred persons pledging \$15 annually for his support for the term of three years. The committee also recommend that I. A. Bradrick be appointed said agent for the ensuing year.

The committee, having before them the agency of Rev. J. R. Reasoner for the past year, are impressed with the wise projection and feasibility of his plans for the endowment of the University, and the prime importance of the earnest prosecution of these plans. We further believe that, considering the great difficulty in the way, the results of the agency for the past year are as much as could be expected.

E. L. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

#### B.—REPORT OF THE VISITORS TO IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The University buildings, Museum and Laboratories were carefully inspected by your visiting committee. We find the building in need of repairs; also that the museum and laboratories show some need of readjustment, and in some departments there should be additional appliances. These deficiencies occur, we believe, not from neglect on the part of any, but from want of means and teaching force.

Under the peculiar and somewhat unfavorable circumstances, we believe the management and present condition of the institution are all that can be expected, and deserve credit. The attendance of students in the preparatory department has been well kept up. The examinations indicate a good degree of thoroughness on the part of students, and skill and faithfulness on the part of instructors.

As is well known the great want of the institution is money. An increase of the endowment fund of \$50,000 does seem to be a necessity to the success of the University.

The "Iowa Wesleyan" wants the confidence and support of the church throughout the Conference, which we believe it deserves.

The record of its past is one of earnest, faithful toil and self-sacrifice on the part of those who have had its interests in view, and ministers and

people owe to it their sympathy and support. Without *this*, failure seems inevitable; *with* it, we see nothing to prevent a bright future for the I. W. U., and with pleasure commend it to the Conference as worthy of earnest effort to perpetuate.

O. P. LIGHT, *Chairman.*  
JENNIE BECK, *Secretary.*

C.—REPORT OF THE VISITORS OF GARRET BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

The visitors appointed to attend the examinations and meet with the Board of Trustees of Garret Biblical Institute, would respectfully report :

The examinations indicated thoroughness in instruction, soundness in theology; and the general spirit of the institution seemed to be deeply permeated with the Spirit of God.

The management of the Board of Trustees is to be greatly commended, in keeping out of debt; and we earnestly recommend their appeal to the church for an increase of endowment, so as to enlarge their facilities and thus meet the wants of the church and age.

D. MURPHY.  
W. H. H. PILLSBURY.

VI. EPISCOPAL SUPPORT.

Your committee to receive the collections for the support of the Bishops report as follows :

Seventy-seven charges reported.	
Thirty-one charges did not report.	
Amount of cash received.....	\$285.70
Amount of receipts handed in.....	28.00
Statement made by D. C. Bevan not attended by voucher, sent..	5.00
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Total receipts.....	\$318.70

Cash paid into the hands of the book agent, whose receipts, with receipts previously obtained, and the above mentioned statement, have been filed with the Secretary of the Conference.

O. P. LIGHT.

VII. FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Among the many open doors that now invite our church to enter, with its power to elevate and save men, is that of the Freedmen in the South. We believe that there is none that would be more pleasing to our Divine Master to have us enter. As this is a work that is more intimately connected with future prosperity of our *church* and *nation* than any other missionary work, and in view of this, in connection with our obligations to this greatly wronged people, and the importance of improving the present golden opportunity that if once passed is gone forever, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the field, and that all the attacks of our opposers, and all discouragements, shall only increase our zeal in our labor.

*Resolved*, That we will place this cause second to none, but will earnestly present it to our people, and will do all in our power, as ministers, to secure their hearty and liberal co-operation.

I. P. TETER, *Chairman*.

B. F. KARNs, *Secretary*.

### VIII. MEMOIR.

Mrs. Mary N. Power died January 1st, 1876, in Burlington, Iowa, in the seventieth year of her age. She was the wife of the late Dr. John H. Power, and was born in Leesburg, Loudon county, Virginia, April 26th, 1806.

Her parents were active members of the Protestant Episcopal Church; but being deprived of their example and precept in early childhood, she remained a stranger to the quickening power of the Holy Spirit until her nineteenth year. In 1825, under the labors of Rev. John H. Power, who afterwards became her husband, she was led to seek the witness of the Spirit, and soon found peace in believing. At once she recognized the necessity of growth in grace, and from the day of her conversion her views became clearer and more enlarged as to the nature and extent of the plan of salvation, and of the privileges and enjoyments to which she was called as a Christian. She reached forth unto those things which were before, and pressed toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, as well as hungered and thirsted after a full conformity to the will and image of the Master.

She was unobtrusive in her character, and all that she did. Through a frail physical nature, that made her a constant sufferer, there appeared a shade of melancholy in her life, yet she walked by faith, not by sight, and intimate was that communion with God which she frequently enjoyed; while the graces of the Spirit and the virtues of female character shone forth in her with a pure and steady lustre.

As a christian she was diligent and exemplary in the exercise and discharge of every duty; and until age and infirmity forbade it, she was ever found in her place in the sanctuary, always inspiring others through her activities in every department of church work.

As a tender, affectionate, Christian mother, none have surpassed her; in proof of which the children nourished by her must testify, as they rise with her in that morning. Eight of the ten grew to man and womanhood; and all, through the godly example, and faithful instruction of Christian parents, have found pardon through faith in Christ; and this Christian mother must stand in the fore-ground of a saved family. She was ever faithful in administering correction, but never with impatience. She felt the responsibility of her relation to her children, which, on account of the absence of the father, frequently for months together, in the discharge of his itinerant ministerial duties, was greatly increased. Conscious that it was her duty to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, she was induced to retire with them individually to the throne of grace, and commend them in prayer to the mercy of God, and implore the divine blessing upon the instruction she gave them.

If ever a wife deserved the division of honor that was given a husband, she did. During forty years, enduring constant physical suffering, she

cheerfully shared with him the labors of an itinerant, and lovingly facilitated his studies, relieving him of most of the cares of the family, that must have interrupted and materially impeded his progress in the acquisition of knowledge, and the discharge of duty.

To mitigate the sufferings of the poor always afforded the richest gratification to her feeling heart, until her slender frame, depressed beneath the influence of disease and age, could no longer follow the impulses of her beneficent disposition. Even to the end of life she was ever active in planning for the relief and inquiring after the suffering.

Though devoted, she was ever fearful lest any one should think better of her than she deserved. She was always ready to acknowledge the sense she felt of her own unworthiness and unprofitableness. As the outward man perished the inner man was renewed day by day, so that it was evident to all around her that she was fast maturing for the church triumphant. She was enabled to contemplate the approach of the last enemy with undisturbed serenity and unshaken fortitude.

Feeling that the hour of her departure was near at hand she took an affectionate farewell of her children, grandchildren and friends, and in response to an inquiry from her pastor, Rev. J. B. Blakeney, she said: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want: yea, though I walk through the valley and the shadow of death, thou art with me. I will fear no evil, for thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Thus she finished her course with joy.

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## IX. PERIODICALS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has always recognized its obligation to give to the masses a pure, Christian literature. She was early in the field, and has always been peer to any other organization in this department of labor. But we believe our church is capable of a still nobler work. She ought to give to the millions the purest, the best, and the cheapest periodical literature in the world.

Of the number and variety of periodicals there is no room perhaps for complaint. And as to quality, they are, or are about to be, as good as the best. Our Sunday School periodicals, we believe, are unsurpassed in Christendom. Our veteran "Quarterly Review" should be found in every preacher's study. As many as one at least of our "Advocates" should find a welcome in every Methodist household in the land. We are glad to learn that the "Ladies' Repository" is to be transformed into the "National Repository," and hope its reputation will be as wide, and its usefulness as lasting, as the nation.

Believing that our periodicals are great helps towards the conversion of souls and religious development of the church, we are resolved to do our duty as agents in their circulation.

D. T. MONROE, *Secretary.*

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## X. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, The Christian Sabbath is one of the foundation stones of our civil and religious liberty; and,

WHEREAS, It is habitually desecrated by a class of foreigners who in no way are in sympathy with our free American institutions; and,

WHEREAS, It is the custom of many of our own countrymen to disregard its sacred claims, by making social visits, taking rides for recreation, keeping open houses of business, hiring out livery teams, distributing mail, huxtering at great gatherings, such as camp meetings and other places, running excursion trains, under the cloak that they are in the interest of religious meetings, or to watering places for health; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as watchmen, do with united voice protest against these practices as being hurtful to morals and offensive to God.

C. MOREY, *Chairman*.

U. B. SMITH, *Secretary*.

## XI. SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your committee to whom was referred the examination of applications for the sale of church property, report as follows:

I. That the application of the Trustees of Independent Circuit, to dispose of their old parsonage property, with a view to reinvestment, be granted.

II. That the request of the Trustees of the church at Primrose, Lee county, Iowa, made through the Quarterly Conference of Bonaparte Circuit, to sell the church property held by them, be granted.

III. That the action of the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn, Iowa, in the sale of their parsonage property in the interval of Conference, be confirmed.

C. S. JENNIS,

J. CRAIG,

C. B. CLARK,

} *Committee.*

## XII. STATE OF THE CHURCH.

As the church is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, her condition should be a subject of anxious thought to every Christian. In proportion as she approximates the high standard designed by her Divine Head, will she be efficient and triumphant in the world. In contemplating the state of the church, we see many things to commend, some to deplore.

We fear she has fallen too much under the money-getting spirit of the age. Opportunities for rapidly acquiring wealth are tempting many away from earnest work for God. Service of Mammon is destructive of true service of Christ. The love of money, and its hot pursuit, eat up the word, choke out the wheat, and destroy the spiritual power of the church. There is great need of the church being called back to the doctrine of Christ. "Be not too careful for this life. Have faith in God in regard to these things. Seek and pursue first the Kingdom of Heaven."

There is also a spirit of worldliness that is pernicious in its influence. The amusements, pleasures and social demands of the world have crowded too much upon the church, and too many members are so absorbed by them as to have little time or disposition for work for God. These things are often insuperable obstacles to revival efforts for the salvation of souls. While we would desire no false or unnecessary isolation of the church from the world, yet we earnestly desire that her members should be so heavenly-minded as to draw a strong line of demarkation between them and the world.

We rejoice in the fact that houses of worship are being rapidly multiplied and the conveniences for church meetings are much greater than formerly, yet we deplore the neglect of the means of grace which is so widely prevalent. Such helps are indispensable to deep piety and spiritual growth. We consider it of the highest importance to the church, that her members be called to give heed to the third evidence that every one is expected to give of his desire for salvation, if he remain in the society, namely: "attendance upon the means of grace." Among these may be mentioned public worship, social and family prayers, class-meetings; and also to the command of scripture: "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together."

We greatly deplore the fact that so many church members are living on year by year with very little or no actual religious experience. It is feared that many have never been converted; others have almost unconsciously lost their first love. It would give a great momentum to the church, did every member live in the enjoyment of religion, and sustain a vital relation to Christ.

We hail with delight indications of increasing interest in the subject of "Holiness unto the Lord;" and would urge upon the church the privilege and duty of claiming all the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace. What victories will be won for Christ when the church is found without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing. Let the church be carefully and wisely led up to the highest plane of religious experience and power.

In looking at the relation of the church to society and the state, we are impressed with the great obligations upon her. Social evils are great, and some of them increasing. The ruin that intemperance is causing is truly fearful in character and proportions. Dissipation and social impurity are cesspools drowning multitudes of our noble youth in perdition. The blighting spirit of avarice and corruption is sweeping through all social ranks. If these evils are removed, it must be largely by the church. Other agencies may act a minor part; she must be chief. We would recommend the church everywhere to a more direct and positive warfare upon these evils.

The church has a great work to do for the nation. Legal separation does not imply isolation from each other. The church is still a prime factor in our national life. The institutions of our holy Christianity constitute at once the foundation and bulwark of our free republic. In this day of unchristian and perilous influences, there is danger that the church will be too timid in her defense of Christian institutions and principles that especially touch upon national government. We would urge the church everywhere to a positive adherence to the doctrine that this nation *has been, is, and must be kept* a Christian nation, and everywhere teach the principles of our holy Christianity as essential to republican government.

The relation of the church to the conversion of the world is most important. The work accomplished is most gratifying. But when we look at the opening doors of humanity everywhere, and then at the wonderful accumulation of wealth in the church, we cannot but feel that there is a lack of zeal and liberality in her great enterprizes. Providence is surely calling loudly for our advance all along the line, in this department of work.

We rejoice in the spirit of unity that is increasing through all the churches. We are especially gratified at the results of the commissioners appointed by our own church and the M. E. Church South. The removal of impediments to fraternization is a long step to that state of good will and oneness of feeling and purpose that will assuredly give a fresh impetus to the kingdom of God in the world.

Respectfully submitted.

O. C. SHELTON, *Chairman.*  
J. W. McDONALD, *Secretary.*



XIII. STEWARDS.

QUESTION 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANSWER.—

Of Superannuated preachers.....	\$3,000.00
Of Widows and Orphans.....	3,050.00
Total.....	\$6,050.00

QUESTION 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER 1.—

Received from Circuits and Stations.....	\$ 894.65
Received from Chartered Fund.....	30.00
Total.....	\$ 924.65

Which is about 15½ per cent on the claims.

ANSWER 2.—The above amount was distributed as follows :

TO SUPERANNUATES:—

<i>Names of Claimants.</i>	<i>Claims.</i>	<i>Dividends.</i>	<i>Paid to</i>
L. C. Woodford.....	\$500.00	\$ 20.00	Secretary.
A. W. Johnson.....	350.00	60.00	Self.
J. McDowell.....	250.00	60.00	Self.
R. S. Robinson.....	800.00	75.00	Self.
E. H. Coddington.....	400.00	50.00	Bradrick.
B. Holland.....	300.00	60.00	Self.
J. Harris.....	500.00	60.00	Secretary.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS:—

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>Claims.</i>	<i>Dividends.</i>	<i>Paid to</i>
Mrs Worthington.....	\$400.00	\$ 55.00	Bradrick.
Mrs. Stewart.....	300.00	20.00	D. Murphy.
Mrs. Hare.....	400.00	54.65	D. Murphy.
Mrs. Wayman.....	200.00	15.00	D. Murphy.
Mrs. Bamford.....	300.00	70.00	Davis.
Mrs. Prather.....	400.00	70.00	Cheney.
Mrs. Donaldson.....	400.00	75.00	J. S. Ferguson.
Mrs. Boyles.....	300.00	55.00	Manroe.
Mrs. Friend.....	200.00	55.00	Wells.
Mrs. Clark.....	50.00	10.00	Swanston
Mrs. Smith.....	100.00	60.00	Corkhill.

Signed for the Conference Stewards.

JOHN B. HILL, *President.*  
JAS. G. BARTON, *Secretary.*

XIV. TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is the prolific source of innumerable evils opposing the influence of the gospel, and causing pauperism, wretchedness, insanity, and crime ; therefore,

*Resolved, 1st.* That we will preach against this sin specifically and pointedly, and we will urge total abstinence upon all as taught by the word of God and our Book of Discipline, and emphasized by the sad examples of the multitudes to whom moderate drinking has proved the stepping-stone to all the degradation of confirmed inebriety, and finally to a horrible and hopeless death.

*Resolved, 2d.* That since saloons are schools of vice and crime, in which our youth are being lured to their destruction, we therefore, in the name of God, declare against them a war of extermination, in which we call upon all good people to unite with us and despoil the spoiler of his prey.

*Resolved, 3d.* That steps ought to be taken to stop the manufacture as well as the sale of intoxicants.

*Resolved, 4th.* That men addicted to drinking are not the men who should be placed in offices of trust, and we solemnly protest against committing the interests of the state and nation into hands unnerved by strong drink.

*Resolved, 5th.* That the organization of Bands of Hope in all our Sabbath Schools is an exceedingly important step, inasmuch as the most successful way to do away with intemperance is to prevent the formation of drinking habits.

*Resolved, 6th.* That we bid a hearty God-speed to all who are engaged in the prosecution of temperance work, whether as Reform Clubs, Women's Christian Temperance Unions, or other organizations; and we hail with peculiar pleasure the organization and incorporation of a State Temperance Alliance, recently effected at the Clear Lake camp meeting, which looks to a concert of action on the part of all existing organizations, and the establishment of a solid and permanent financial basis for temperance work.

J. CRAIG, *Chairman.*

XV. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, We recognize in the W. F. M. S. an effective co-worker with the Parent Society in the foreign field; therefore,

*Resolved, 1.* That we heartily recommend its auxiliaries to the sympathy and support of the women of the church; and while we approve the original plan adopted by this society for the raising of funds, we deprecate any departure from that plan as being inimical to the general interests of the missionary cause.

2. That the results of the labors of Miss Jennie Beck demonstrate the wisdom of her appointment, and we recommend that her relation to the Conference be continued.

E. L. SCHREINER, }  
M. B. B. FORD, } *Committee.*  
C. B. CLARK, }

P. S.—The amount raised by the society this year was \$1,387.77.

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 1.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				B'ptsm		CHURCH PROPERTY.							CHURCH EXPENSES.										
	Pr'b'tnrs	Full Members	L. Pr'chrs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches	Probable Value.	Pars'n'g's	Probable Value.	B'ldg & Improv'g	Ch'r'h's & P'ars'n'g's	Indebtedness.	Pastor.		Presiding Elder.		Confer-ence Claim'n'ts	Bishops.	Sunday School Expenses	General Con-ference	Sexton, and lights		
														Claims	Rec'pts	Claims	Rec'pts							
Burl'gt'n—Division St.	4	219	1	3	2	4	1	\$ 32,000	1	\$ 4,850	\$	85	\$ 300	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 47.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 4.00	\$	\$	
"    Old Zion.....	9	236	2	3	23	2	1	15,000	1	6,000		750		1,700	1,700	100	100	12.75	5.00			7.00	340.00	
South Burlington.....	17	124	2	4	13	1	1	3,000				335		925	925	60	60	16.00	3.00	30.00				
Burlington Circuit.....	7	140	1	1	4	23	2	3,000						750	575	75	58	7.15	3.85	20.00			70.00	
Ainsworth.....	12	242	1	1	1	2	3	3,000	2	1,250				1,100	1,000	70	70	3.60	3.35	75.00				
Canaan.....	2	150	1	1			2	3,000						650	602	50	46	6.00	4.00	40.00				
Columbus City.....	7	115	1	1	3	4	2	3,000						600	410	60	40	3.00	1.00	20.00				
Coneville.....							1	2,000								25	25							
Danville.....	2	125					3	3,000	1	600		75	200	960	960	100	100	5.00	7.45					
Dodgeville.....		120	1	3			3	4,000						500	363	40	40							
Fort Madison.....	6	131	2	2			1	2,000	1	1,500				880	880	50	50			45.00			110.00	
Kossuth.....	10	262	2	2	2	4	3 1/2	9,000	2	2,000		675		1,100	1,100	100	100	12.00	4.75	150.00	8.00		175.00	
Marshall.....	6	196	1	1	1	1	4	4,000	1	800		600		750	730	90	87	1.00		25.00				
Morning Sun.....	20	130	1	1	1	2	3 1/2	7,000						1,000	730	85	70	7.00	2.50	27.00				
Mt. Pleasant Ct.....	16	250	3	2	4	4	4	7,600				100		800	800	80	80	20.00	8.00	68.95	8.00		133.00	
New London.....	13	166	2	4	3	2	2	1,400	1	2,000		220		950	850	60	42	3.20		56.00			47.00	
Wapello.....	1	35	1	1	2	1	3	3,000				200		970	970	75	75	2.00	1.00	30.00			25.00	
West Point.....	5	132	1	1	2		3	4,500	1	300			150	630	430	42	60	1.00	1.45	47.50				
Winfield.....	3	175	2	2	3	2	2	4,500	1	900		403	400	900	599	85	75	6.25	4.00	46.00			60.00	
Total.....	140	2948	16	27	49	64	42	\$114,000	12	\$20,200	\$ 6,720	\$1050		\$17,065	\$15,524	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,278	\$152.95	53 35	\$ 805.45	27.00	\$ 960.00		

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Keokuk—Chat'm Sq'r	6	215	1	2		5	1	\$ 20,000	1	\$ 6,000	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 15.95		\$ 375.00				
"    1st Church..	11	213	1	5	10	6	1	9,000			266	1,490	1,100	739	81	25	3.25	\$ 75	40.00				
Bentonsport.....	3	131	2	2		7	2	4,000	1	600	30		700	560	63	50		2.00	40.00			20	
Birmingham.....	15	226	1	2	1		5	6,500	1	800	130	100	775	631	98	80	15.00	1.00	17.50			100	
Bloomfield.....	27	232	3	5		1	1	3,000	1	1,500	150		1,125	1,125	94	94	15.00	9.00	100.00				
Bloomfield Ct.....	6	208	3	7	4	3	4	3,500			28	400	775	384	92	45	4.85	2.00	25.00				
Bonapart.....	12	165	3	1	10	4	3	2,800			700		700	495	62	47	1.40	1.50	21.00			23	
Cincinnati.....	8	272	4	3	4	3	3	2,300	1	700	180		660	535	100	75	9.90	1.25					
Drakeville.....	2	196	1	2		11	2	2,500	1	250	16	218	610	482	72	55	5.00	45	25.14			79	
Independent.....		140	4	1			4	6,800	1	700	460	128	604	423	57	40	2.00	1.00	16.00			40	
Keosauqua.....	2	163	2	1	3	2	1	5,000	1	800	180	270	800	700	73	55	10.00	90	80.00	6.00			
Lebanon.....	1	181	3	2		2	6	7,000	1	70	297	20	670	665	72	61	6.85	2.00	39.00				
Milton.....	6	268		5	1	50	3	4,000	1	200	350		800	800	96	74	1.00	1.00	50.00				
Montrose.....		90	2	1			3	3,000	1	435		300	200	105				4.00	10				
Moulton.....	18	144	3	1	2	7	1	1,500	1	400		680	560	446	60	11	50		15.00			50	
Troy.....	10	194	2	2	1	13	3	3,700	1	600			450	327	70	53	4.50	1.00	13.00				
Winchester.....	3	143		3	1	4	4	5,200	1	450		350	550	534	64	61	3.00		67.00				
Total.....	120	3,181	34	45	28	124	48	\$ 89,900	14	\$ 13,505	\$ 3,837	\$ 5,106	\$ 13,479	\$ 10,351	\$ 1,244	\$ 916	\$ 98.20	27.85	\$ 923.74	\$ 6.00	\$ 312		

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1.—MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				B'ptism		CHURCH PROPERTY.							CHURCH EXPENSES.									
	Pr'b't'n's	Full Members.	L. Pr'chrs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches	Probable Value.	Pars'n'g's	Probable Value.	B'ld'ng & Improv'g Ch'rch's & Pars'n'g's	Indebted'ness.	Pastor.		Pr's'd'g Elder.		Confer-ence Claim'n's	Support of Bishops.	Sunday School Expenses	General Conf'r'ce	Sexton, & Lights.		
													Claims	Rec'pts	Claims	Rec'pts							
Mt. Pleasant—Asbury.....	10	213	3	.....	.....	1	\$4,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,200	.....	\$ 134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"    Main Street.....	33	370	3	.....	.....	3	3,800	1	600	.....	400	.....	1,300	1,030	100	100	26.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Agency City.....	30	380	3	.....	.....	4	4,500	2	1,300	1,141	.....	.....	950	860	141	141	15.00	15.00	.....	9.0	.....	.....	
Batavia.....	5	175	4	1	4	48	5,000	1	1,000	15	.....	.....	600	556	143	134	40.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Brighton.....	19	193	6	1	3	6	4,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	700	600	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fairfield—Church Street.....	30	297	8	.....	.....	4	9	.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	650	610	50	57	24.00	6.00	30	6.00	.....	.....	
"    Station.....	2	120	1	5	1	.....	5	4,400	1	400	.....	.....	650	448	73	51	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fairfield Circuit.....	2	163	2	3	5	1	4	7,200	.....	310	200	.....	650	625	74	77	9.70	1.00	.....	65	.....	.....	
Keota.....	13	190	5	2	4	1	5	6,400	1	600	100	100	900	798	62	62	10.00	5.00	40	.....	.....	.....	
Lexington.....	5	102	1	.....	17	3	4,000	1	400	48	.....	.....	735	491	61	34	3.35	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	
Martinsburg.....	1	220	2	1	.....	1	4	6,000	1	800	60	.....	550	391	103	72	5.00	.....	65	7.00	125.00	.....	
Richland.....	6	70	2	3	.....	2	2,800	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	400	165	35	7	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Richwoods.....	20	208	2	3	.....	11	4	7,000	1	800	114	.....	638	554	96	74	3.30	2.15	100	.....	9.00	.....	
Salem.....	22	139	2	.....	.....	2	2,100	1	800	104	.....	.....	750	675	51	51	5.00	3.65	50	.....	.....	.....	
Sigourney.....	4	195	2	1	2	.....	1	8,000	1	1,500	398	.....	1,250	1,250	100	100	8.00	6.00	50	.....	.....	.....	
Washington.....	12	182	2	1	2	15	3	4,300	1	500	150	.....	800	684	72	62	7.00	1.50	35	.....	.....	.....	
Webster.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	419	3,487	47	31	29	128	49	\$86,000	14	\$12,200	\$2,570	\$770	\$12,723	\$9,997	\$1,345	\$1,050	\$166.05	\$46.30	\$539	\$22.00	\$285.00	.....	.....

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine.....	1	325	4	4	7	3	1	\$35,000	.....	400	.....	.....	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$ 174	\$ 174	\$ 25.00	.....	\$164.44	.....	.....	.....	.....
"    Circuit.....	46	268	1	.....	12	69	3	8,000	1	500	1,000	330	900	900	80	70	10.25	5.00	250.10	.....	220.00	.....	.....
Blue Grass.....	13	137	2	.....	6	5	2	2,000	1	600	22	.....	617	590	60	46	2.25	50	60.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kosta.....	30	162	1	.....	11	2	2,700	1	700	100	250	.....	900	800	80	70	3.00	7.00	103.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leetsville.....	13	170	3	3	1	5	3	9,000	1	300	250	.....	600	600	72	72	2.00	3.00	100.00	.....	5.25	.....	.....
Lone Tree.....	5	140	1	1	4	2	4	6,000	1	200	10	.....	1,000	925	68	68	6.46	45	75	6.25	.....	.....	.....
Marengo.....	13	199	.....	.....	3	1	4,500	1	1,800	31	.....	.....	1,200	1,200	100	100	20.00	1.85	158.51	.....	170.00	.....	.....
Millersburg.....	10	155	.....	5	5	15	3	5,500	1	800	.....	.....	750	700	60	40	4.50	.....	55	.....	70.00	.....	.....
Oxford.....	5	130	2	4	2	1	2	6,000	.....	.....	900	.....	800	800	64	64	10.25	5.00	45.65	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pilotsburgh.....	2	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	177	20	15	.....	.....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	40	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8,000	1	700	40	.....	800	811	80	80	5.60	.....	37.55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riverside and Richmond.....	.....	330	3	5	4	17	4	9,000	1	500	100	.....	800	800	88	88	10.00	2.00	50.00	.....	40.00	.....	.....
Sweetland Center.....	.....	162	.....	1	.....	1	3	4,000	1	800	.....	.....	750	738	60	50	.....	.....	75.50	.....	65.00	.....	.....
Tiffin.....	21	121	.....	1	2	9	1	3,500	.....	.....	40	.....	800	800	74	74	6.40	6.50	50.00	.....	5.00	.....	.....
Victor.....	6	146	.....	1	.....	.....	1	2,000	.....	.....	95	.....	820	820	60	60	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	3.50	.....	.....
West Liberty.....	9	150	1	3	1	10	1	9,000	.....	.....	100	200	1,000	850	64	64	1.75	1.50	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	.....	125	.....	2	.....	1	2	2,200	1	750	.....	.....	700	600	64	64	1.00	.....	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilton.....	11	155	2	1	3	1	1	3,000	1	2,000	.....	75	1,150	1,150	70	70	5.50	.....	39.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	225	3,032	21	31	47	155	38	\$129,900	11	\$9,650	\$2,093	\$1,850	\$15,537	\$14,911	\$1,338	\$1,279	\$118.96	\$37.80	1421.85	\$20.00	\$700.00	.....	.....

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.					CHURCH PROPERTY.						CHURCH EXPENSES.										
	Pr't'ns	Full Members.	L. Pr'chrs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches	Probable Value	Pars'n'g's	Probable Value	B'ld'g & Improv'g Ch'ch's & Pars'n'g's	Indebtedness.	Pastor.		Presiding Elder.		Conf'erence Claim't's	Support of Bishops.	Sunday School Expenses	General Conf'n'c	Sexton, Light and Fuel.	
													Claims	Rec'ps	Claims	Rec'ps						
Oskaloosa—1st Ch'rch	4	200	3		4	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 3,000				\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 108	\$ 108	\$ 8.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 8.00		
" Simpson Chapel	18	235	1		3	4	20,000			3,000	1,500		1,180	1,180	80	80	6.00	9.00	80.00			
" Wesley Chapel...	1	45			1	1	1,000	1					200	124	5	5			15.00			
Brooklyn.....	14	294	3		6	6	4,700		350		150		1,300	1,300	104	104	20.00	12.00	99.00			
Eddyville and Beacon	12	110	3		2	7	5,500			750	245		850	750	70	61	8.00	7.10	56.00	6.00		
Grinnell.....	6	187	1		2	17	7,500				150	1,000	1,100	1,100	85	85	15.00	10.00				
Kellogg.....	8	156	5			18	2,500	1	800	87			880	880	80	80	3.60	3.00	23.00		50.00	
Linnville.....	50	204	1		11	6	1,300	1	700		400		870	870	65	65	10.00	4.00	70.00			
Malcom.....	11	139	4		4	3	7,500			3,000	1,500		784	784	65	65	4.25	1.00	54.00			
Montezuma.....	3	180	1		1	1	2,500	1	1,000	205	30		870	870	75	75	5.00	9.00	45.00	6.25		
New Sharon.....	15	210	1			30	6,500	1	1,000	1,500	50		850	780	70	70	10.00	9.00	100.00			
Newton.....	5	218			1	2	1,500	1	500	131			1,064	900	103	90	12.00	2.00	67.72			
Newton Circuit.....	2	234	2			8	9,000	1	800	600			900	875	100	100	5.00	2.00	40.00		100.00	
North Newton Circuit.	2	70	1		1	1	1,800						600	500	50	52	4.00	6.00	15.00	6.50		
Otley.....	12	133	2		1	3	4,300						500	350	45	45	70	2.00	7.35			
Pella.....	5	125	1		3	4	4,500			150			800	749	70	61		5.00	90.00		100.00	
Peoria.....	10	232	1			19	8,500	2	500	1,000			700	627	95	95	2.00	5.00				
Springfield.....	7	160	1		3		4,500	1	400	300	30		760	690	70	70	7.00	1.50	20.00	2.75		
Union.....		225	3		4	1	5,000	1					700	435	68	50	1.50	4.50		4.50		
Total.....	185	3,357	27	24	40	141	\$108,100	12	\$ 9,050	\$ 10,873	\$ 4,905	\$16,308	\$15,164	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,361	\$ 121.45	\$104.10	\$ 842.07	\$ 34.00	\$250.90		

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—1st Church.	13	230	1	1	7	6	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 3,500	\$ 100			\$ 1,550	\$ 5,550	\$ 128	\$ 128	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.00			
" Main Street Circuit		173	3				13,000			3,700	\$ 3,000		1,200	880	80	80	70	5.30	80.25			
" Circuit		68																				
Albia.....	8	250	2	3	1	6	7,000			2,200			1,120	1,120	130	130	30.00	15.00	50.00		175.00	
Albia Circuit.....	5	142			2	1	2,800						500	350	86	70	1.50	7.20	12.65	4.00		
Attica.....	5	262	2	6	1	33	4,600	1	1,000	60			720	630	90	82	2.50	4.00	20.00	6.25		
Bellefontaine.....	2	247	4	2	2		6,500				350		750	680	90	74		2.65		5.35		
Cedar.....	7	256		1			5,600	1	300	80	161		740	671	80	70	16.00	8.00	57.00	8.00	84.00	
Centerville.....	29	200	3	5	8	18	700	1	1,200	125			1,200	1,200	90	70	19.25		10.00			
Chillicothe.....	7	187	2	3	1	1	4,200			150			651	551	70	70	5.00	1.50	60.00		30.00	
East Melrose.....	8	180	2	3	5	24	2,000			50			665	625	61	44	2.00		15.00		30.00	
Hamilton.....	4	193	3			13	4,300	1	500	1,200	300		650	565	71	74	2.25	1.20				
Jerome.....		124	2				2,000						600	400	75	56					2.50	
Kirkville.....	10	267	5	2	5	29	8,000	1	1,500		300		750	750	80	80	6.00	5.00	175.00	3.00	125.00	
Knoxville.....	9	167	4	2	2		4,000	1	1,500	700	180		900	551	106	65	2.85	5.00	31.50	8.00	79.66	
Knoxville Circuit.....	30	109		1		5							400	200	40	34				4.00		
Marysville.....	8	184		1	3	2	4,600	1	255	50	205		550	344	71	35	2.50	70	12.60	5.80	76.00	
Unionville.....	3	209	1	1		9	1,300	1	400	340			600	386	76	71	3.00	3.00	71.00		55.00	
Total.....	151	3,448	34	31	37	147	\$ 83,600	9	\$ 10,155	\$ 6,755	\$ 4,446	\$13,546	\$11,353	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,233	\$ 193.65	\$ 6,255	\$ 670.00	\$ 46.90	\$ 668.66		

## STATISTICAL REPORT. NO. 1.

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				Baptisms		CHURCH PROPERTY.					CHURCH EXPENSES.									
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L. Pr'chers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Bld'g & im- prov'g Ch's & Pars'n'g's	Ind'tedness on Ch'r'h's & Pars'n'g's	Pastors.		Presiding Elders.		Conference Claimants.	Support of Bishops.	Total Ex- penses of School this year.	General Conference	Sexton, light, and fuel.
													Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.					
BURLINGTON.....	140	2,948	16	27	49	64	42	\$114,000	13	\$20,200	\$ 6,720	\$ 1,050	\$17,065	\$15,524	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,278	\$ 152.95	\$ 53.35	\$ 805.45	\$ 27.00	\$ 960.00
KEOKUK.....	120	3,181	34	45	28	124	48	89,800	14	13,505	3,837	5,106	13,479	10,351	1,244	916	98.20	27.85	923.74	6.00	312.00
Mt. PLEASANT.....	419	3,487	47	31	29	128	49	86,000	14	12,200	2,570	770	12,723	9,997	1,345	1,050	166.05	46.30	559.00	22.00	285.00
MUSCATINE.....	225	3,032	21	31	47	155	38	129,900	11	9,650	2,093	1,850	15,537	14,911	1,338	1,279	118.96	93.30	1,421.85	20.00	700.00
OSKALOOSA.....	185	3,357	27	24	30	141	37	108,100	12	9,050	10,873	4,905	16,308	15,164	1,410	1,361	121.45	104.10	842.07	34.00	250.00
OTTUMWA.....	151	3,448	34	31	37	147	40	83,600	9	10,155	6,755	4,496	13,546	11,353	1,414	1,233	193.65	62.55	670.00	46.90	668.66
Total this year..	1240	19,653	179	191	220	759	254	\$611,400	73	\$74,760	\$32,848	\$18,177	\$88,658	\$77,300	\$8,128	\$ 7,117	\$ 851.26	\$387.45	\$ 5,222.11	\$155.90	\$ 3,175.66
Total last year..	903	18,888	183	195	300	512	254	618,450	68	69,950	68,087	18,343	81,247	75,944	8,333	7,928	1,203.93	405.72	7,615.15	.....	8,794.06
Increase.....	337	765	.....	.....	.....	247	.....	.....	5	\$ 4,810	.....	.....	\$ 7,411	\$ 1,356	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$155.90	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	4	4	80	.....	.....	\$ 7,050	.....	.....	\$35,339	\$ 166	.....	.....	\$ 105	\$ 811	\$ 352.67	\$ 18.27	\$ 2,393.04	.....	\$ 5,618.40

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.						
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages	15 yrs old and over.	Inter-mediate.	Infant Class.	Average Att'd'nice.	Teachers, Church Members	Scholars, Church Members	Conver-sions.	Library Books.	Advoc'tes taken.	Journals taken.	Women's F. M. S.	Board of Church Exten's'n.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Frd'm'n's Aid Soc'y	Educat'n	Americ'n Bible Society.
Burlington—Division Street.....	1	25	195	65	100	30	140	22	50	.....	300	.....	20	\$ 48 75	\$ 7 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 7 00	\$17 00	\$ 5 00	.....
"    Old Zion.....	1	27	200	75	65	60	120	25	.....	.....	1000	120	13	113 00	10 50	.....	.....	10 60	2 25	15 00
South Burlington.....	2	23	200	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	200	105	15	.....	4 50	1 80	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Burlington Circuit.....	3	32	170	80	74	16	135	24	30	45	341	.....	.....	11 20	1 85	1 30	2 50	7 00	1 15	.....
Ainsworth.....	4	45	200	125	75	.....	160	45	100	20	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan.....	3	35	160	75	85	.....	195	30	40	12	300	.....	28	.....	2 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Columbus City.....	2	18	110	30	65	15	80	18	.....	3	100	60	3	.....	40	70	25	.....	.....	.....
Coneville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Danville.....	2	12	140	20	20	.....	100	.....	.....	1	.....	70	12	8 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dodgeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Madison.....	1	20	130	55	50	25	80	18	13	3	200	60	15	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
Kossuth.....	4	39	334	108	86	131	273	37	126	5	500	60	27	12 00	4 50	2 25	2 50	5 75	37 60	9 45
Marshall.....	4	40	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	175	50	15	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Morning Sun.....	4	20	220	80	70	160	.....	18	75	5	700	31	18	18 84	6 00	2 40	3 10	4 40	5 00	6 50
Mount Pleasant Circuit.....	4	43	224	200	50	84	25	37	145	8	50	70	14	.....	8 00	3 00	18 00	4 52	.....	.....
New London.....	3	32	213	99	57	57	127	25	66	9	344	60	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 52	10 00
Wapello.....	1	8	92	30	40	22	80	6	10	.....	.....	.....	8	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....
West Point.....	4	37	195	90	33	15	156	25	18	.....	430	30	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....
Winfield.....	3	30	127	76	36	15	100	30	45	10	150	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Total.....	46	486	3110	1208	906	540	2131	360	718	127	4790	716	207	\$235 80	\$47 75	\$17 45	\$34 35	\$68 92	\$ 56 62	\$40 95

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Keokuk—Chatham Square.....	2	24	350	70	170	110	225	17	130	6	300	50	50	.....	\$ 1 00	.....	.....	\$ 6 00	\$ 10 00	.....
"    First Church.....	2	25	189	.....	40	163	20	30	5	125	.....	15	.....	2 00	50	25	35	75	1 50	.....
Bentonsport.....	5	25	150	75	50	25	100	15	20	5	200	40	4	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	.....	2 00
Birmingham.....	1	9	85	40	35	10	75	9	6	5	.....	50	1	33 61	1 00	50	50	2 00	3 50	1 50
Bloomfield.....	1	25	250	.....	35	200	25	51	8	.....	.....	24	.....	79 00	7 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	13 65	21 00
Bloomfield Circuit.....	3	21	150	101	44	5	90	18	80	10	.....	40	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	1 00	.....
Bonaparte.....	2	15	110	50	40	20	80	13	40	20	135	50	6	28 16	4 20	2 15	2 80	55	90	2 05
Cincinnati.....	2	15	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	1 05	2 00	2 00	5 00	.....	.....
Drakeville.....	1	14	94	.....	13	60	13	30	10	.....	25	3	12 58	95	60	1 05	1 00	1 50	2 90	.....
Independent.....	3	26	85	41	.....	44	68	12	6	.....	300	30	.....	60	10	30	.....	60	1 25	.....
Keosauqua.....	1	23	230	94	96	40	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	100	14	14 15	3 30	2 05	1 15	2 80	103 25	.....
Lebanon.....	5	35	275	150	95	30	179	75	62	2	400	100	3	.....	1 35	1 20	4 60	2 00	2 00	.....
Milton.....	4	40	200	100	75	25	175	35	100	130	50	50	40	20 00	2 00	50	1 00	2 00	1 50	.....
Montrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moulton.....	3	24	254	100	100	54	200	16	50	15	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy.....	3	25	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	200	14	5	.....	40	45	45	50	1 00	.....
Winchester.....	3	18	150	110	25	15	120	10	75	2	300	48	24	.....	1 00	50	50	1 00	1 00	.....
Total.....	41	364	2872	931	730	466	1735	278	680	242	2160	547	208	\$192 00	\$25 55	\$13 35	\$19 70	\$32 35	\$146 05	\$29 45

STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.							
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages	15 yrs old and over.	Interme- diate.	In Infant Class.	Average Att'd'nce.	Teachers, Church Members.	Scholars, Church Members.	Conver- sions.	Library Books.	Advo'ces taken.	Journals taken.	Woman's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extens'n	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Fr'm'n's Aid Society.	Educat'n.	Americ'n Bible Society.
Mt. Pleasant—Asbury.....	1	24	200			40	60			7				\$ 83 10	\$ 2 00	\$ 50	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 00		
"    Main Street.....	5	62				77	255	50			45	15								
Agency City.....	6	76	417	197	139	81	238	63	63	48	650	103	42	5 00	1 25	5 00	3 35	3 75		
Batavia.....	5	60	225				180	50		8	387	126	18	10 00	1 10	1 10		12 00	30 00	
Brighton.....	1	20	190	60	100	30	126	18	65	14	200	60		20 15	5 00	2 50	3 00	15 00	20 00	11 70
Fairfield—Church Street.....	1	20	216	70	105	35	160				600	60		8 00						
"    Station.....	5	44	225	125	100	25	200	34	2		200	14		5 00	2 00	1 05				
Fairfield Circuit.....	3	32	303	138	130	35	20	27	50	6	85			1 50		1 00	4 50	8 00		
Keota.....	4	37	300	110	130	60	253	32	80	65	350	8		5 00		2 00	2 00	5 00		
Lexington.....	3	24	161							3		16		3 50	2 00		45			
Martinsburg.....	4	40	240	153	30	57	200	38	102	7	200	100	12							
Richland.....	2	12	75	40	25	10	50	8	15	2										
Richwoods.....	7	63	369	174	127	58	261	28	48	14	1010	200	16	2 35	1 45	1 40	1 25	1 35		
Salem.....	2	27	183	70	50	63	105	28	40	18	349			29 95	1 00		2 00	1 90		
Sigourney.....	1	25	242	100	100	42	130	16	55		200		18							
Washington.....	3	45	290			21	160	45	33				78	4 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	2 00		
Webster.....																				
Total.....	53	611	3630	1237	1036	634	2542	437	553	217	4231	900	232	\$262 70	\$63 85	\$ 9 80	\$18 55	\$ 55 45	\$52 10	\$41 70

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscatine.....	1	40	400			270	38			1000	150	33	\$117 05	\$ 8 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00		
"    Circuit.....	4	64	300	132	108	60	250	70	134	23	370	120	36		1 50	2 00				6 67
Blue Grass.....	3	26	140	90	30	20	125	26	60	20	200	70	9	10 25	1 50	2 00	75	60	1 35	
Kosta.....	4	41	211	109	70	30	135	39	110	20	72	90	37	1 25	30	50	2 00	5 00		
Leetsville.....	3	22	240	125				18				40		1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50		
Lone Tree.....	4	30	275			200	25	100	5	400	80	10	45	30	50	40	1 20	3 10		
Marengo.....	1	21	334	119	105	100	13	21	40	4	554	20	20	45 67	1 70	70	55	2 85	5 00	
Millersburg.....	3	42	190	85	73	32	170	36	85	14	200	60	10				1 50	2 50		
Oxford.....	2	30	145	50	80	15	96	30	44	2		65	10		35	50	60	1 15	2 25	
Pilotsburgh.....	1	6	30			25	5			2		16	6						2 00	
Pleasant Hill.....	4	22	250			20	159				200	20	21							
Riverside and Richmond.....	4	36	310	100	120	90	225	48	150	35	375	35	20		1 00	1 20	1 50	4 00	1 00	1 00
Sweetland Center.....	3	46	259			26	185	45	57		450	30	32							
Tiffin.....	3	18	150	100	30	20	140	60	40	5	800		12	2 35	85	3 85	3 00	5 00		
Victor.....	3	29	200			26	135	21	52	7	278	109	34	6 00		1 00	3 00	15 00		
West Liberty.....	1	15	100	40	35	25	80	14	12	5	150	25	15	15 00	50	25	25	2 50	1 00	
Williamsburg.....	2	19	115			68						40	12		1 00	55	1 00	2 00	1 00	17 00
Wilton.....	1	15	134	52	54	30	103	15	46	6	256	50	32	24 50	50	45	4 05	2 50		
Total.....	47	522	3783	1002	705	494	2374	511	930	148	5305	960	392	\$218 92	\$19 70	\$11 75	\$14 85	\$ 36 85	\$50 65	\$24 67



STATISTICAL REPORT, NO. 2.—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.											BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages	15 yrs old and over.	Interme- diate.	In Infant Class.	Average Att'd nce	Teachers, Church	Members	Scholars, Church	Members	Conver- sions.	Library Books.	Advoc'tes taken.	Journals taken.	Woman's F. M. S.	Board of Church Extens'n.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Fr'm'n's Aid Society.	Educat'n.
Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	1	21	160	.....	.....	32	145	.....	25	1	650	30	20	17	\$ 65 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 00	\$ 5 00	.....
"    Simpson Chapel.....	1	27	250	120	95	35	175	.....	27	50	20	500	.....	27	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
"    Wesley Chapel.....	1	10	65	20	45	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn.....	2	28	254	155	60	39	171	.....	22	50	7	.....	56	21	10 25	7 00	3 25	7 00	7 50	5 00	.....
Eddyville and Beacon.....	2	42	240	135	50	55	260	.....	32	45	5	.....	135	20	16 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	.....
Grinnell.....	2	35	275	.....	.....	28	214	.....	33	.....	.....	40	150	20	31 84	5 35	1 50	1 50	11 00	12 00	.....
Kellogg.....	3	30	223	85	100	78	160	.....	29	70	.....	405	15	23	2 50	3 00	40	80	75	2 00	.....
Linnville.....	5	55	300	250	30	20	250	.....	55	175	110	.....	20	28	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Malcom.....	3	32	241	95	87	59	127	.....	28	45	4	104	90	25	.....	20	30	65	20	1 00	.....
Montezuma.....	1	19	120	30	68	22	88	.....	18	30	6	.....	50	18	16 81	30 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	6 00	17 35
New Sharon.....	2	27	225	128	30	40	150	.....	27	50	30	100	118	26	.....	4 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	.....
Newton.....	1	24	164	80	54	30	115	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	100	20	22 34	.....	1 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	.....
Newton Circuit.....	4	45	268	175	42	50	185	.....	40	.....	3	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	50	3 00	.....	5 00
North Newton Circuit.....	5	30	185	120	35	50	155	.....	30	12	.....	.....	60	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Otley.....	3	36	169	91	55	23	158	.....	28	74	9	.....	.....	13	.....	55	35	45	80	50	.....
Pella.....	2	28	170	125	40	30	140	.....	25	15	10	400	.....	16	55 60	1 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Peoria.....	4	24	185	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield.....	4	36	240	.....	.....	.....	206	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	300	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	1	15	65	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	15	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	50	.....	75	50	.....
Total.....	48	564	3799	1709	791	591	2791	453	676	218	2709	919	404	\$256 34	\$59 15	\$13 30	\$20 40	\$ 54 00	\$73 00	\$22 35	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—1st Church.....	1	24	220	60	110	50	175	24	.....	8	600	30	20	.....	\$61 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 30 75	\$26 00	.....	.....
"    Main Street.....	2	25	180	50	86	33	120	21	.....	.....	200	87	15	.....	.....	10	10	10	.....	.....	.....
"    Circuit.....	1	21	200	.....	.....	60	178	21	40	20	125	40	20	.....	46 44	5 00	2 30	2 25	6 50	10 20	9 50
Albia.....	3	25	170	.....	.....	.....	120	20	130	4	300	100	16	.....	6 50	.....	52	.....	1 50	.....	.....
Albia Circuit.....	5	54	260	180	70	10	205	54	180	50	200	.....	.....	.....	62 45	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Attica.....	6	60	440	400	40	.....	315	25	102	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	4	42	232	126	59	47	175	32	64	7	100	104	23	.....	5 00	1 30	2 00	4 00	7 00	.....	.....
Cedar.....	1	12	175	100	75	.....	130	12	.....	28	160	35	9	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Centerville.....	5	50	300	175	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	7 50	25	25	25	2 00	25	3 25	.....
Chillicothe.....	3	20	200	100	50	50	100	20	30	20	.....	.....	14	10 50	50	25	25	1 00	25	.....	.....
East Melrose.....	5	40	300	.....	.....	.....	290	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	65	85	1 70	65	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	2	35	200	130	25	25	150	35	100	80	160	75	22	38 16	5 50	2 00	2 00	6 00	9 50	.....	.....
Kirkville.....	1	27	200	50	28	22	130	27	20	.....	200	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knoxville.....	3	9	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	100	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knoxville Circuit.....	5	23	255	175	25	55	217	18	150	23	120	20	15	7 65	50	.....	.....	35	1 10	.....	.....
Marysville.....	2	16	75	34	26	15	60	14	39	10	150	40	5	11 25	10	25	1 00	1 00	1 00	30	.....
Unionville.....	49	483	3507	1580	694	367	2367	371	855	258	2315	781	174	\$200 45	\$84 85	\$15 97	\$11 70	\$ 57 90	\$55 95	\$13 05	.....

# STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 2.

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.						
	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 years old and over.	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Av'ge Attendance Teachers and Scholars.	Teachers who are Church Members.	Scholars who are Church Members.	Conversions.	Library Books.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freemen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.
BURLINGTON.....	46	486	3110	1208	906	540	2231	360	718	130	4,890	716	207	\$ 235 80	\$ 47 75	\$ 17 45	\$ 34 35	\$ 78 92	\$ 50 85	\$ 35 95
KEOKUK.....	41	364	2872	931	730	466	1735	278	680	242	2,160	547	208	192 00	25 55	13 35	19 70	32 35	146 05	29 45
MOUNT PLEASANT.....	53	661	3630	1237	1036	634	2542	437	553	217	4,231	900	232	262 70	63 85	9 80	18 55	55 45	52 10	41 70
MUSCATINE.....	47	522	3783	1002	705	494	2374	511	990	148	5,305	960	392	218 92	19 70	11 75	14 85	30 85	50 65	24 67
OSKALOOSA.....	48	564	3789	1709	791	590	2781	453	682	218	2,709	922	387	256 84	59 15	13 30	20 30	54 00	73 00	22 35
OTTUMWA.....	49	483	3507	1580	694	367	2367	371	855	258	2,315	781	174	200 45	84 85	15 97	11 70	57 90	55 95	13 05
Total this year.....	284	3080	20,691	7667	4852	3091	14030	2410	4418	1223	21,600	4826	1600	\$1366 21	\$300 85	\$ 81 52	\$119 45	\$309 47	\$ 428 60	\$167 17
Total last year.....	321	3250	22,773	8364	5914	3661	15920	2600	4690	878	24,760	6010	1433	963 32	424 70	119 11	152 54	535 72	1026 28	738 13
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	345	.....	.....	167	\$ 402 89	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	37	170	2082	697	1062	570	1890	190	272	.....	3,160	1184	.....	\$123 85	\$ 38 59	\$ 33 09	\$226 25	\$ 597 68	\$570 96	.....

NOTE.—The teachers and scholars who are reported as church members include probationers.

## IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE,  
TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE TRUSTEES AND MANAGE-  
MENT OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In the JOURNAL of July 16th, '75, there appeared an article signed "A Citizen," charging upon the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University, as now, and in the past constituted, business incapacity, and that the funds of said institution are so loosely handled as to "create in the public mind a suspicion than there is at the bottom of this, more than an *honest incapacity* to manage the funds intrusted to them." Alleged examples of this mismanagement were cited.

This article coming to the notice of the Trustees, a special committee was appointed to inquire into the matter cited.

This committee, consisting of Rev. D. Murphy, Rev. Wing, and E. L. Penn, Esq., met and investigated the matter referred to, and their report appears in the JOURNAL of August 26th, 1875. In the JOURNAL of September 16th, an article appears in answer to the report of this committee, charging upon the committee a want of honesty, in making their investigations, and signed by T. E. Corkhill, who is understood to be the author of the aforesaid article signed by "A Citizen."

To still further investigate these and other matters referred to, the Iowa Conference, at the session held in Keokuk, in September last, appointed a committee consisting of three ministers and two laymen, viz: Rev'ds I. O. Kemble, J. W. Chaffin, and John Haynes, and Messrs. Jacob Kauffman, and D. H. Emery. This committee met December 8th, at the President's room in the University building, all being present except J. W. Chaffin, and organized by the appointment of J. Haynes, Chairman, and I. O. Kemble, Secretary.

Dr. Corkhill was before the committee, and many other members of the Board of Trustees, who also furnished the committee with all possible facilities for the prosecution of their work, such as the books and records of the institution, together with much correspondence upon the questions involved. In making our report, we beg leave to call attention to the question of *securities*.

## SECURITIES.

It is alleged that funds of the institution are loaned upon insufficient securities. We have examined the loans and securities, together with the abstracts of titles, and are convinced that all the loans are *fully* secured.

## TO DECLINE DONATIONS.

It is alleged that the Trustees have unwisely declined to receive donations tendered to the University. Two cases are cited.

First, that Lee Claflin, Esq., of Massachusetts, proposed, through Rev. T. E. Corkhill, in 1866, a donation of Iowa lands, an undivided interest of which he owned, in connection with other parties, and supposed to amount to ten thousand acres, and located, as nearly as we can ascertain, in the north and northeastern portions of the State. Upon division there proved to be about thirteen thousand acres of land. The conditions upon which it was proposed to donate these lands were as follows:

The Trustees were to execute two notes of five thousand dollars each, to be paid out of the lands as *they should be sold*, at the rate of one dollar per acre, the aggregate payments not to exceed ten thousand dollars, the Trustees to become immediately responsible for the taxes upon the lands, and probably for interest upon the notes. The reasons for declining this dona-

tion, as stated in evidence before the committee, were that the institution at the time was under extreme financial pressure, so that the Board doubted its ability to meet the expense of agencies, etc., which would be necessarily incurred in the acceptance of said lands, and the probability, as they judged, that the lands would sell slowly. It is our judgment that the donation, had it been accepted, would have resulted in a large increase of endowment, and its non-acceptance was a great mistake; and the reasons given for declining the offer do not, in our opinion, justify the action of the Board.

Second, That George B. Corkhill proposed to endow a professorship in the University, with at least ten thousand dollars, which proposition the Board rejected. I. O. Kemble objects to the finding of the committee upon this point. The facts concerning this proposed endowment are as follows:

In 1871, Col. Corkhill, in connection with some of his friends, and friends of the University, proposed by his individual contributions, together with the contributions of special friends, to endow a department in the University, to be called the department of "Geology and Natural History;" that the endowment should not be less than ten thousand dollars, and suggested the name of Mason Bayles to fill the position of professor in this department, asking the privilege of providing for the salary of Professor Bayles until the endowment should be secured. He requested also that the Board of Trustees should authorize one of their number, understood to be T. E. Corkhill, to assist him in raising ten thousand dollars. The Board created the chair, elected Mr. Bayles to the professorship, and authorized T. E. Corkhill to assist in raising the money. Subsequently Col. Corkhill requested that T. E. Corkhill, by the proper authorities of the church, be appointed *agent* of the University, to enable him to carry into effect his proposition. The Board, for reasons which seemed sufficient to themselves, declined asking for such appointment.

We are compelled to believe, had Dr. Corkhill *stated* to the Board the grounds upon which his appointment was requested, also the field in which he was expected to operate, that the Board would not have hesitated in recommending his appointment. We cannot see, therefore, wherein the Board is responsible for the failure of the Corkhill proposition.

#### THE R. R. BOND QUESTION.

It appears that Lee Claflin, Esq., of Boston, donated to the University, in 1866, county railroad bonds to the amount of four thousand dollars, two of the bonds held upon Powesheik count, and two upon Iowa county, this state. These bonds were retained by the University until February, 1871, when they were sold to Henry Ambler, Esq., for the sum of six thousand dollars, including interest. Of this sum there was paid: Cash in hand, \$1,300; in one year *without* interest, \$700; in ten years with interest at 7½ per cent, \$4,000; interest upon matured coupons, afterwards added, \$945. Total, \$6,945.

We find these bonds were worth at the time, not *less* than 90 cents to the dollar on the principal, and the interest was being paid in full. By careful calculation we find the value of these bonds at ninety cents on the dollar, to be with accrued interest, \$9,968. Amount received of H. Ambler, \$6,945 Making a difference of \$3,023.

But four thousand of this Mr. Ambler has for ten years at 7½ per cent, payable annually, while the bonds are bearing *ten* per cent payable semi-annually, making a further loss to the institution of 2½ per cent, on four thousand dollars for ten years, which would be \$1,000; this added to the amount above of \$3,023, would make the actual loss on bonds \$4,023.

We are convinced that the loss to the University in this bond transaction, reckoning the interest as paid *annually*, is not a dollar less than the

above figures. Who is responsible? We believe the Board acted in good faith with the light they had, but we believe further information was *accessible*, which they did not possess. Our information is, however, that the Board depended nearly wholly upon Mr. Ambler for information upon the subject, he being a member of the Board, and acting as their attorney. The Committee is clearly of the opinion that Mr. Ambler ought to have had full knowledge upon the subject, which he failed to put into the possession of the Board, and is, therefore, in our judgment, responsible for this loss of \$4,023.00 to the University.

#### GENERAL MANAGEMENT.

The last item we wish to name in our report is the general management. While we have found instances where mistakes have been made in the management of the interests of the University, and even very grave mistakes, yet we have not learned that the Board, because of its connection with an institution of learning, should be held responsible for absolute infallibility in the administration of its affairs. We believe that the Board has learned wisdom by experience, and that the administration of more recent years exhibits greater business capacity than that of the earlier years of the institution. And in closing this report we wish to state that our investigation has not lessened our confidence in the Iowa Wesleyan University, but on the contrary, increased it. For its exact financial status, we refer to the Treasurer's financial exhibit in his annual report.

We have examined, with great care and labor, the several matters which we regard as having been referred to us, and have given our honest convictions as clearly and concisely as possible, yet we have done so with the utmost good feeling toward all concerned. We have only words of high commendation for the many devoted men who have given largely of their time and means in the interests of this institution, and we are quite sure it will never be able *fully* to requite them for their devotion in its days of darkness and need. We take pleasure in still recommending the Iowa Wesleyan University to the confidence of the church and the public at large, and we hope to rejoice with all its friends in a still larger measure of prosperity than it has enjoyed before

I. O. KEMBLE,	} Committee.
JOHN HAYNES,	
J. W. CHAFFIN,	
D. H. EMERY.	
JACOB KAUFFMAN,	}

NOTE.—The Conference declared, by resolution, that, in adopting the above report, it "did not mean to cast the least imputation on the honesty and integrity of Bro. Ambler." (See page 23.)

H. E. W.

THIRTY-THIRD REPORT  
OF THE  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE  
IOWA CONFERENCE.

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The Anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Iowa Conference was held in the First M. E. Church, Ottumwa, Sept. 7, 1876, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. J. B. Hardy conducted the meeting, and Rev. W. E. Patterson led in prayer.

The Treasurer not being ready to report, Rev. A. P. Morrison, of the Southern Illinois Conference, and Rev. Dr. Reed, Missionary Secretary, were introduced, and delivered instructive, forcible and eloquent addresses, by which the attention of the large audience was closely held till a late hour.

LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE SOCIETY.

Miss Carrie Sedgwick and Mrs. Anna E. Hurt.

JUVENILE SOCIETY.

Joseph Dofflemyer, Jr.

There were doubtless many others, but their names were not furnished to the Secretary.

G. W. BYRKIT, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.--1876.

## BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—I. A. BRADRIK, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Burlingt'n—Division St.	J. C. Watson Coxe.....	\$ 160 00	\$ 72 00	\$ 232 00		\$ 23 00	117
"    Old Zion.....	J. B. Blakeney.....	38 55	97 65	136 20	19 79		68
South Burlington.....	J. G. Barton.....	14 00	16 00	30 00		1 20	19
Burlington Circuit.....	O. C. Shelton.....	34 70		34 70	5 90		23
Ainsworth.....	Jesse Craig.....	76 00	28 50	104 50	67 50		43
Canaan.....	Anthony Robinson..	10 00		10 00		25 50	15
Columbus City.....	E. J. Pike.....	15 00		15 00			15
Coneville.....	E. W. Twining.....	7 50		7 50	6 00		15
Danville.....	I. P. Teter.....	46 50		46 50	14 50		38
Dodgeville.....	John Orr.....	10 00		10 00		5 75	10
Fort Madison.....	J. R. Noble.....	33 00	11 13	44 13		15 87	30
Kossuth.....	M. Bamford.....	95 00	22 00	117 00		44 00	57
Marshall.....	J. C. Kendrick.....	38 00		38 00		32 00	17
Morning Sun.....	G. M. Tuttle.....	20 00		20 00	10 00		15
Mt. Pleasant Circuit.....	S. S. Murphy.....	76 41	23 59	100 00	45 45		44
New London.....	O. P. Light.....	30 00		30 00	28 00		19
Wapello.....	G. W. Byrkit.....	13 00		13 00	13 00		57
West Point.....	P. F. Holtzinger.....	23 25		23 25		5 55	18
Winfield.....	R. Stephenson.....	47 10		47 10		39 20	22
Totals.....		\$ 788 01	\$ 270 87	\$1058 88	\$ 210 14	\$ 192 07	34

## KEOKUK DISTRICT.—JOHN HAYNES, P. E.

Keokuk—Chatham Sq'r	W. H. H. Pillsbury...	\$ 46 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 100 00		\$ 30 50	50
"    First Church..	John Wheeler.....	20 05	24 60	44 65		16 60	23
Bentonsport.....	A. W. Haines.....	19 00	16 00	35 00	15 00		27
Birmingham.....	J. W. Cheney.....	66 00	2 00	68 00	13 80		38
Bloomfield.....	E. L. Schreiner.....	180 00	75 00	255 00	55 00		110
Bloomfield Circuit.....	R. B. Allender.....	36 00		36 00		64 70	6
Bonaparte.....	W. S. Hurt.....	37 50		37 50	7 50		23
Cincinnati.....	James Hunter.....	29 50		29 50	4 30		11
Drakeville.....	L. C. Carroll.....	14 35	5 80	20 15		9 85	11
Independent.....	W. E. Patterson.....	20 00		20 00	7 00		14
Keosauqua.....	C. S. Cooper.....	30 00		30 00	23 50		19
Lebanon.....	Geo. Swanson.....	71 25		71 25	1 25		40
Milton.....	J. P. Rice.....	38 00		38 00		21 30	16
Montrose.....	— Frost.....					21 00	
Moulton.....	W. H. H. Smith.....	10 00		10 00		24 50	7
Troy.....	E. S. Daily.....	35 40		35 40		64 60	20
Winchester.....	C. H. Montgomery....	75 00		75 00	55 00		50
Totals.....		\$ 728 05	\$ 177 40	\$ 905 45	\$ 182 35	\$ 253 05	29

## MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.—W. F. COWLES, P. E.

Mt. Pleasant—Asbury...	F. W. Evans.....	\$ 45 00	\$ 115 00	\$ 160 00		\$ 183 30	66
"    Main St.....	Dennis Murphy.....	60 00	30 00	90 00		121 21	42
Agency City.....	J. B. Hill.....	54 65		54 65		10 35	17
Batavia.....	W. N. Groome.....	65 00		65 00		8 30	21
Brighton.....	J. T. Coleman.....	15 00		15 00		10 35	9
Fairfield—Church Street	H. E. Wing.....	56 00	26 50	82 50		4 50	44
"    Harmony.....	Joseph Gassner.....					5 50	
"    Circuit.....	T. M. Kirkpatrick....	41 00		41 00	1 00		34
Keota.....	John Davis.....	38 00		38 00		16 00	21
Lexington.....	N. Wells.....	56 04	18 96	75 00	10 00		57
Martinsburgh.....	G. H. Clark.....	5 75		5 75		10 25	5
Richland.....	H. F. Pugh.....	22 00		22 00	2 00		11
Richwoods.....	J. L. King.....	4 00		4 00	4 00		6
Salem.....	J. S. Ferguson.....	35 15	6 13	41 28		35 32	18
Sigourney.....	J. G. Thompson.....	18 00		18 00		13 00	13
Washington.....	J. W. Chaffin.....	19 50	40 50	60 00		34 75	31
Webster.....	W. I. Miller.....	48 00		48 00	3 00		26
Totals.....		\$ 583 09	\$ 237 09	\$ 820 18	\$ 20 00	\$ 452 83	30

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—J. C. BROWN, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Muscatine.....	J. W. McDonald.....	\$ 89 00	\$ 141 00	\$ 230 00		\$ 90 00	70
Muscatine Circuit.....	A. V. Francis.....	90 75		90 75	20 75		29
Blue Grass.....	S. H. Thomas.....	24 15	7 20	31 35	6 35		23
Kosta.....	R. J. Kenyon.....	7 75	5 25	13 00		37 00	9
Leetsville.....	D. A. Watters.....	51 95	5 00	56 95		30 20	32
Lone Tree.....	L. O. Housel.....	17 35		17 35		20 05	12
Marengo.....	U. B. Smith.....	101 00	65 00	166 00		14 00	100
Millersburg.....	E. Sampson.....	25 30	4 70	30 00		19 20	22
Oxford.....	D. C. Bevan.....	69 00	9 00	78 00		33 48	70
Pilotsburgh.....	John Elrod.....	12 10		12 10	12 10		151
Pleasant Hill.....	J. B. Hardy.....	100 00		100 00	27 75		67
Riverside & Richmond.	B. F. Karns.....	53 00	7 00	60 00		10 00	20
Sweetland Center.....	J. T. McFarland.....	31 50		31 50		22 70	20
Tiffin.....	R. R. Carmine.....	38 00		38 00		116 52	32
Victor.....	C. S. Jennis.....	28 00	10 00	38 00		8 00	26
West Liberty.....	A. McClintock.....	22 25	13 00	35 25	12 25		23
Williamsburg.....	W. H. Honn.....	30 00		30 00		59 00	15
Wilton.....	E. L. Briggs.....	54 25	34 65	88 90		12 10	57
Totals.....		\$ 845 35	\$ 301 80	\$ 1147 15	\$ 79 20	\$ 472 25	43

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—D. C. SMITH, P. E.

Oskaloosa—1st Church.....	C. B. Clark.....	\$ 44 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 124 00			62
“ Simpson Chapel.....	C. L. Stafford.....	44 00	58 00	102 00		28 00	41
“ Wesley Chapel.....	— Downs.....	3 00		3 00		2 00	15
Brooklyn.....	W. G. Thorn.....	143 93	6 07	150 00	39 00		50
Eddyville and Beacon.....	B. Mark.....	70 00	10 00	80 00	41 30		74
Grinnell.....	J. W. Robinson.....	82 75	21 25	104 00		4 22	56
Kellogg.....	C. Morey.....	51 62	10 80	62 42		17 58	57
Lynnville.....	S. R. Ferguson.....	50 30	10 00	60 30		14 70	35
Malcom.....	E. P. Michener.....	19 00		19 00		49 45	21
Montezuma.....	B. F. Shane.....	83 75	16 25	100 00	4 00		56
New Sharon.....	T. C. Miller.....	60 00		60 00	15 00		28
Newton.....	C. P. Reynolds.....	77 77	15 23	93 00	4 25		43
Newton Circuit.....	J. M. Coats.....	160 00		160 00			68
North Newton Circuit.....	Andrew Kershaw.....	55 00	45	55 45		24 55	84
Otley.....	— Shaffer.....	9 75	3 25	13 00		14 70	9
Pella.....	W. A. Presson.....	8 65		8 65		81 35	7
Peoria.....	A. C. Keeler.....	45 00	10 00	55 00		20 00	24
Springfield.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	34 50	8 50	43 00		7 80	30
Union.....	J. M. Mann.....	29 40		29 40		19 35	13
At Large.....						3 50	
Totals.....		\$ 1072 42	\$ 249 80	\$ 1322 22	\$ 103 55	\$ 287 20	41

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—G. N. POWER, P. E.

Ottumwa—1st Church.....	J. T. Simmons.....	\$ 125 00	\$ 101 00	\$ 226 00		\$ 2 26	100
“ Main Street.....	I. N. Busby.....	7 00	37 26	44 26		24 74	25
“ Circuit.....						3 35	
Albia.....	Ira O. Kemple.....	203 50	44 50	248 00		27 00	100
Albia Circuit.....	Wiley S. Stryker.....	35 02		35 02		40 53	24
Attica.....	George Nulton.....	231 52	18 48	250 00	72 85		125
Bellefontaine.....	J. H. Rockwell.....	13 35		13 35		56 65	5
Cedar.....	C. W. Shepherd.....	52 84	9 16	62 00	80		25
Centerville.....	T. E. Corkhill.....	21 55	31 98	53 53	42 93		47
Chillicothe.....	John Potter.....	20 00		20 00		10 00	10
East Melrose.....	A. R. Jones.....	15 00		15 00		6 00	8
Hamilton.....	C. R. Norton.....	27 25		27 25		33 75	14
Jerome.....	Wm. Thatcher.....	3 00		3 00		9 10	2
Kirkville.....	T. J. Myers.....	35 45	14 55	50 00		40 00	18
Knoxville.....	E. H. Waring.....	38 45		38 45		13 47	26
Knoxville Circuit.....	Jacob H. Hard.....	4 00		4 00		12 00	4
Marysville.....	A. J. Belknap.....	17 10		17 10		27 90	9
Unionville.....	D. T. Monroe.....	29 50	2 50	32 00		50 15	15
Total.....		\$ 879 53	\$ 259 43	\$ 1138 96	\$ 116 58	\$ 307 25	31



## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per member.
Burlington.....	I. A. Bradrick.....	\$ 788 01	270 87	1058 88	18 07	.....	34
Keokuk.....	John Haynes.....	728 05	177 40	905 45	.....	70 70	29
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. F. Cowles.....	583 09	237 09	820 18	.....	432 83	30
Muscatine.....	J. C. Brown.....	845 35	301 80	1147 15	.....	393 05	43
Oskaloosa.....	D. C. Smith.....	1072 42	249 80	1322 22	.....	183 65	41
Ottumwa.....	G. N. Power.....	879 53	259 43	1138 96	.....	190 67	31
Totals from Circuits and Stations.....	.....	4896 45	1496 39	6392 84	18 07	1270 90	35
Total decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1252 83	.....

BANNER MARK, *Treasurer of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society.*

	DR.	CR.
To amount of Collections from Circuits and Stations.....	\$6392 84	.....
"    balance on hand at last report.....	85 85	.....
By Cash paid Hitchcock and Walden.....	.....	\$5649 87
"    forwarded to Hitchcock and Walden during the year.....	.....	573 40
"    paid for publication of report of last year.....	.....	20 00
"    on hand, September 11th, 1876.....	.....	235 42
Total.....	\$6478 69	\$6478 69

By C. W. SHEPHERD, Assistant.

BANNER MARK, Treasurer.

Ottumwa, Iowa, September 11th, 1876.

## V. APPOINTMENTS.

### APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS OF IOWA CONFERENCE—1876-77.

NOTE.—The Deacons are indicated by a \*, and the Probationers by a †. The figures denote the number of years in the appointment.

#### BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—*J. B. Blakeney*, P. E., 1.

Burlington, Division Street—J. C. W. Coxe, 3.	Fort Madison—J. R. Noble, 2.
Burlington, Old Zion—C. B. Clark, 1.	Kossuth—M. Bamford, 3.
Burlington, South—C. L. Stafford, 1.	Marshall—J. C. Kendrick, 3.
Burlington Circuit—O. C. Shelton, 2.	Morning Sun—G. M. Tuttle, 2.
Ainsworth—J. Craig, 2.	Mount Pleasant Circuit—S. S. Murphy, 2.
Canaan—A. Robinson, 2.	New London—O. P. Light, 2.
Columbus City and Coneville—E. J. Pike, 3.	Wapello—Geo. W. Byrkit, 2.
Danville—I. N. Busby, 1.	West Point—P. F. Holtzinger, 2.
	Winfield—J. G. Thompson, 1.

#### KEOKUK DISTRICT.—*John Wheeler*, P. E., 1.

Keokuk, Chatham Square—J. T. Simmons, 1.	Drakeville—J. H. Rockwell, † 1.
Keokuk, First Church—W. N. Groome, * 1.	Independent—L. C. Carroll, * 1.
Bentonsport—A. W. Haines, 2.	Keosauqua—Thos. Stephenson, 1.
Birmingham—J. W. Cheney, 2.	Lebanon—Geo. Swanson, 3.
Bloomfield—E. L. Schreiner, 3.	Milton—J. P. Rice, 2.
Bloomfield Circuit—J. W. Wright, 1.	Montrose—Hildebrand (supply), 1.
Bonaparte—W. S. Hurt, * 2.	Moulton—J. S. Freeland, 1.
Cincinnati—J. Hunter, * 2.	Mt. Sterling—C. Fawcett (supply), 1.
	Troy—W. E. Patterson, 1.
	Winchester—C. H. Montgomery, * 3.

#### MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.—*W. F. Cowles*, P. E., 4.

Mt. Pleasant—F. W. Evans, 2.	Martinsburg—H. F. Pugh, * 1.
Agency City—R. B. Allender, 1.	Richland—J. S. Ferguson, 1.
Batavia—J. B. Hill, 1.	Richwoods—J. Gassner, 1.
Brighton—J. T. Coleman, 2.	Salem—G. H. Clark, 1.
Fairfield—H. E. Wing, * 3.	Sigourney—C. S. Cooper, 1.
Fairfield Circuit—J. L. King, 1.	Washington—J. W. Chaffin, 3.
Keota, J. Davis, 3.	Webster—W. I. Miller, 2.
Lexington—N. Wells, 2.	

W. J. Spaulding, President of the Iowa Wesleyan University, 2; G. W. F. Willey, \* Professor in the German College, 3; members of the Mount Pleasant District Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—*I. A. Bradrick, P. E., 1.*

Muscatine—Geo. N. Power, 1.  
 Muscatine Circuit—A. V. Francis, 2.  
 Blue Grass—S. H. Thomas, 2.  
 Kosta—R. J. Kenyon, 3.  
 Lettsville—D. A. Watters,\* 2.  
 Lone Tree—C. S. Jennis, 1.  
 Marengo—U. B. Smith, 2.  
 Millersburg—E. Sampson, 2.  
 Oxford—D. C. Bevan, 2.  
 Pilotsburg—To be supplied.

Pleasant Hill—J. B. Hardy, 2.  
 Riverside and Richmond—W. H. Honn, 1.  
 Sweetland Center—A. McClintock, 1.  
 Tiffin—R. A. Carnine,\* 2.  
 Victor—Samuel Hestwood, 1.  
 West Liberty—B. F. Karns, 1.  
 Williamsburg—J. M. Mann, 1.  
 Wilton, E. L. Briggs, 3.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—*D. C. Smith, P. E., 2.*

Oskaloosa, 1st church—W. H. H. Pillsbury, 1.  
 Oskaloosa, Simpson, } D. Murphy, 1.  
 " Wesley, } One supply.  
 Brooklyn—W. G. Thorn, 2.  
 Eddyville and Beacon—J. R. Reasoner, 1.  
 Grinnell—John C. Brown, 1.  
 Kellogg—C. Morey, 2.  
 Lynnville—S. R. Ferguson, 3.  
 Malcom—A. V. Kendrick,\* 1.  
 Montezuma—B. F. Shane, 2.

New Sharon—T. C. Miller, 2.  
 Newton—C. P. Reynolds, 2.  
 Newton Circuit—J. M. Coats, 2.  
 North Newton Circuit—E. P. Michener, 1.  
 Otley—A. J. Belknap,\* 1.  
 Pella—J. W. Robinson, 1.  
 Peoria—L. O. Housel,\* 1.  
 Rose Hill—A. Kershaw, 1.  
 Searsboro—W. A. Stryker,† 1.  
 Springfield—A. C. Keeler,\* 1.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—*B. Mark, P. E., 1.*

Ottumwa, 1st Church—J. W. McDonald, 1.  
 Ottumwa, Main St.—I. P. Teter, 1.  
 Ottumwa Circuit—J. H. Hard,† 1.  
 Albia—John Haynes, 1.  
 Albia Circuit—W. H. H. Smith, 1.  
 Attica—Geo. Nulton, 2.  
 Bellefontaine—John Potter, 1.  
 Cedar—C. W. Shepherd, 2.  
 Centerville—T. E. Corkhill, 2.  
 Chillicothe—I. W. Graham (supply), 1.

East Melrose—A. R. Jones, 2.  
 Hamilton—C. R. Norton, 2.  
 Jerome—Wm. Thatcher (supply), 1.  
 Kirkville—T. J. Myers, 3.  
 Knoxville—J. G. Barton, 1.  
 Knoxville Circuit—A. N. Flatbush (supply), 1.  
 Marysville—W. A. Presson, 1.  
 Unionville—John Orr, 1.

# VI. LIST OF PREACHERS.

1876.

NAMES.	Entered Itinerancy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Allender, Richard B.....	1854	Iowa.....	1854	Agency City.....	Wapello.....
Bamford, Morris.....	1871	".....	1871	Kossuth.....	Des Moines.....
Barton, James G.....	1868	".....	1868	Knoxville.....	Marion.....
Belknap, Andrew J.....	1874	".....	1874	Otley.....	".....
Bevan, David C.....	1870	".....	1870	Oxford.....	Johnson.....
Blakeney, James B.....	1852	West Virginia.....	1870	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Bradrick, Isaiah A.....	1857	Ohio.....	1856	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....
Briggs, Elias L.....	1851	Iowa.....	1851	Wilton.....	".....
Brown, John C.....	1853	Pittsburg.....	1865	Grinnell.....	Poweshiek.....
Burgess, John.....	1844	North Ohio.....	1858	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Busby, Isaac N.....	1868	Iowa.....	1868	Danville.....	Des Moines.....
Byrkit, George W.....	1857	".....	1857	Wapello.....	Louisa.....
Carnine, Robert A.....	1873	".....	1873	Iowa City.....	Johnson.....
Carrier, Marcus.....	1851	Oneida.....	1857	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Carroll, Lafayette C.....	1874	Iowa.....	1874	Hickory.....	Van Buren.....
Chaffin, John W.....	1848	Wesleyan.....	1870	Washington.....	Washington.....
Cheney, Joseph W.....	1869	Iowa.....	1869	Birmingham.....	Van Buren.....
Clark, Charles B.....	1864	".....	1864	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Clark, George H.....	1851	".....	1851	Salem.....	Henry.....
Coats, James M.....	1860	".....	1860	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Coddington, Eli H.....	1865	".....	1865	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Coleman, James T.....	1847	".....	1847	Brighton.....	Washington.....
Cooper, Charles S.....	".....	".....	1874	Sigourney.....	Keokuk.....
Corkhill, Thomas E.....	1851	".....	1851	Centerville.....	Appanoose.....
Cowles, William F.....	1843	Michigan.....	1851	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Coxe, J. C. Watson.....	1864	Vermont.....	1874	Burlington.....	Des Moines.....
Craig, Jesse.....	1845	Pittsburg.....	1855	Ainsworth.....	Washington.....
Craver, Samuel P.....	1875	Iowa.....	1875	".....	Mexico.....
Davis, John.....	1869	New Connect'n, Can	1871	Keota.....	Keokuk.....
Elrod, John.....	1855	Iowa.....	1855	Pilotsburg.....	Iowa.....
Evans, F. W.....	1851	".....	1851	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Ferguson, John S.....	1865	".....	1865	Richland.....	Keokuk.....
Ferguson, Samuel R.....	1872	Des Moines.....	1874	Lynnville.....	Jasper.....
Francis, Arthur V.....	1872	Iowa.....	1872	Muscatine.....	Muscatine.....
Freeland, J. S.....	".....	".....	".....	Moulton.....	Appanoose.....
Gassner, Joseph.....	1836	Ohio.....	1854	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Groome, William N.....	1874	Iowa.....	1874	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Haines, Aaron W.....	1869	".....	1869	Bentonsport.....	Van Buren.....
Hard, Jacob H.....	1875	".....	1875	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Hardy, Joshua B.....	1843	Rock River.....	1844	Amish.....	Johnson.....
Harris, John.....	1845	Iowa.....	1845	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Hayden, John.....	1841	Rock River.....	1844	Libertyville.....	Jefferson.....
Haynes, James.....	1855	Iowa.....	1855	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....
Haynes, John.....	1857	".....	1857	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Hestwood, Samuel.....	1853	".....	1853	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Hill, John B.....	1852	West Virginia.....	1857	Batavia.....	Jefferson.....
Holland, Benjamin.....	1853	Iowa.....	1853	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Holtzinger, Peter F.....	1843	Ohio.....	1854	West Point.....	Lee.....
Honn, William H.....	1867	Iowa.....	1867	Richmond.....	Washington.....
Housel, Lauren O.....	1873	".....	1873	Granville.....	Mahaska.....
Hunter James.....	1873	".....	1873	Cincinnati.....	Appanoose.....
Hurt, William S.....	1874	".....	1874	Bonaparte.....	Van Buren.....
Jennis, Chesley S.....	1859	".....	1859	Lone Tree.....	Johnson.....
Johnson, Allen W.....	1843	Rock River.....	1844	Dudley.....	Wapello.....

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NAMES.	Entered Itinerancy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Jones, Alvin R.....	1872	Iowa.....	1872	East Melrose....	Monroe.....
Karns, Benjamin F.....	1871	".....	1871	West Liberty....	Muscatine....
Keeler, Augustus C.....	1873	".....	1873	Springfield....	Keokuk.....
Kemble, Ira O.....	1865	".....	1865	Mt. Pleasant....	Henry.....
Kendrick, Americus V.....	1873	".....	1873	Malcom.....	Poweshiek....
Kendrick, John C.....	1869	".....	1869	Marshall.....	Henry.....
Kenyon, Randall J.....	1867	".....	1867	Kosta.....	Iowa.....
Kershaw, Andrew.....	1874	".....	1874	Rose Hill.....	Mahaska.....
King, James L.....	1870	".....	1870	Salina.....	Jefferson....
Kirkpatrick, Thos. M.....	1837	Rock River.....	1844	Baker.....	".....
Light, Oliver P.....	1852	Illinois.....	1867	New London....	Henry.....
Mann, James M.....	1866	Iowa.....	1866	Williamsburg... Oskaloosa....	Iowa..... Mahaska.....
Mark, Banner.....	1846	Ohio.....	1860	Sweetland C'tr. New Boston....	Muscatine.... Lee.....
McClintock, Alfred.....	1865	Upper Iowa....	1870	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
McCutchen, James H.....	1839	Ohio.....	1857	Mt. Pleasant... Boston.....	Henry..... Mass.....
McDonald, J. Wilbur....	1866	Iowa.....	1866	Newton.....	Jasper.....
McDowell, Joseph.....	1830	Ohio.....	1849	New Sharon... Webster.....	Mahaska.... Keokuk.....
McFarland, John T.....	1873	Iowa.....	1873	Unionville.... Winchester....	Appanoose... Van Buren....
Michener, Enoch P.....	1872	".....	1872	Kellogg.....	Jasper.....
Miller, Thomas C.....	1870	".....	1870	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Miller, William I.....	1866	".....	1866	Mt. Pleasant... Kirkville....	Henry..... Wapello.....
Monroe, David T.....	1871	".....	1871	Fort Madison... Hamilton.....	Lee..... Marion.....
Montgomery, Chas. H.....	1873	".....	1873	Attica.....	".....
Morey, Cyrus.....	1851	West Virginia	1855	Unionville.... Troy.....	Appanoose... Davis.....
Murphy, Dennis.....	1858	Iowa.....	1858	Columbus City. Oskaloosa....	Louisia..... Mahaska....
Murphy, Samuel S.....	1868	".....	1868	Lexington.....	Washington... Marion.....
Myers, Thomas J.....	1869	".....	1869	English Set'm't Muscatine....	Muscatine.... Muscatine....
Noble, James R.....	1870	".....	1870	Marysville.... Martinsburg... Rock Bluffs...	Marion..... Keokuk..... Nebraska....
Norton, Charles R.....	1872	".....	1872	Eddyville..... Newton.....	Wapello..... Jasper.....
Nulton, George.....	1869	".....	1869	Milton.....	Van Buren....
Orr, John.....	1859	".....	1859	Mt. Pleasant... Pella.....	Henry..... Marion.....
Patterson, William E.....	1871	".....	1871	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Pike, Elias J.....	1868	".....	1868	Drakeville....	Davis.....
Pillsbury, W. H. H.....	1867	New Hampshire	1871	Marysville.... Millersburg... Bloomfield....	Marion..... Iowa..... Davis.....
Poston, William.....	1855	Iowa.....	1855	Danville.....	Des Moines... Poweshiek....
Potter, John.....	1870	".....	1870	Montezuma.... Burlington....	Des Moines... Des Moines... Mahaska....
Power, George N.....	1856	".....	1856	Freemont..... Keokuk.....	Mahaska.... Lee.....
Presson, W. A.....	.....	.....	1876	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Pugh, Henry F.....	1873	Iowa.....	1873	Marengo.....	Iowa.....
Rankin, James J.....	1867	".....	1867	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Reasouer, John R.....	1862	Kentucky.....	1873	Mt. Pleasant... Pella.....	Henry..... Marion.....
Reynolds, C. Perry.....	1853	Iowa.....	1853	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Rice, Joseph P.....	1871	S. E. Indiana..	1873	Drakeville....	Davis.....
Robinson, Anthony.....	1836	Indiana.....	1857	Marysville.... Millersburg... Bloomfield....	Marion..... Iowa..... Davis.....
Robinson, John W.....	1869	Iowa.....	1869	Danville.....	Des Moines... Poweshiek....
Robinson, Richard S.....	1829	Illinois.....	1854	Montezuma.... Burlington....	Des Moines... Des Moines... Mahaska....
Rockwell, J. H.....	1876	Iowa.....	1876	Freemont..... Keokuk.....	Mahaska.... Lee.....
Runyan, Harrison.....	1860	".....	1860	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Sampson, Ezekiel.....	1871	".....	1871	Marengo.....	Iowa.....
Schreiner, Edwin L.....	1865	".....	1865	Albia.....	Monroe.....
See, Michael.....	1845	".....	1845	Mt. Pleasant... Burlington....	Henry..... Des Moines... Des Moines... Henry.....
Shane, Benjamin F.....	1869	".....	1869	Winfield.....	Henry.....
Shelton, Orville C.....	1836	Ohio.....	1852	Keosauqua.... Victor.....	Van Buren.... Iowa.....
Shepherd, Charles W.....	1868	Iowa.....	1868	Searsboro.... Lebanon.....	Poweshiek.... Van Buren....
Simmons, John T.....	1856	".....	1856	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Smith, David C.....	1864	".....	1864	Blue Grass.... Winfield.....	Scott..... Henry.....
Smith, Uriah B.....	1867	".....	1867	".....	".....
Smith, W. H. H.....	1868	".....	1868	".....	".....
Spaulding, Wesley J.....	1854	Indiana.....	1856	".....	".....
Stafford, Charles L.....	1870	Iowa.....	1870	".....	".....
Stephenson, Robert.....	1843	Pittsburg.....	1872	".....	".....
Stephenson, Thomas.....	1864	Southern Illinois	1867	".....	".....
Stryker, Almond W.....	1850	Indiana.....	1856	".....	".....
Stryker, Willey R.....	1875	Iowa.....	1875	".....	".....
Swanston, George.....	1869	New Connect'n, Can	1871	".....	".....
Teter, Isaac P.....	1853	Iowa.....	1853	".....	".....
Thomas, Samuel H.....	1860	".....	1860	".....	".....
Thompson, James G.....	1853	".....	1853	".....	".....

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Thorn, William G.....	1867	Iowa.....	1876	Brooklyn .....	Poweshiek .....
Tuttle, G. M.....	.....	.....	1876	Morning Sun ...	Louisa .....
Twining, Edward W.....	1846	Iowa.....	1846	Coneville .....	Muscatine .....
Waring, Edmund H.....	1849	Baltimore .....	1857	Oskaloosa .....	Mahaska .....
Watters, Dennis A.....	1874	Iowa.....	1874	Lettsville.....	Louisa.....
Wells, Nelson.....	1854	" .....	1854	Lexington .....	Washington.....
Wheeler, John .....	1855	North Ohio.....	1870	Keokuk.....	Lee .....
Willey, George F. W.....	1874	Iowa.....	1874	Mt. Pleasant....	Henry .....
Wing, Henry E.....	1873	" .....	1873	Fairfield.....	Jefferson .....
Woodford, Lucas C.....	1848	" .....	1848	Davenport.....	Scott.....
Wright, J. W.....	.....	.....	1876	Bloomfield.....	Davis .....

SUMMARY.

Elders .....	113
Deacons.....	16
<b>Total members of Conference.....</b>	<b>129</b>
Probationers .....	4
<b>Total number of Preachers.....</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Total last year.....</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Increase .....</b>	<b>1</b>
Supernumeraries.. .....	9
Superannuates.....	14
Effective Preachers .....	110
Decrease of Effective Preachers.....	2

NOTE.—L. S. Ashbaugh has been transferred to the South Kansas Conference.

The two churches in Fairfield were united May 1st, 1876, and the reports from Church street are down to that date. No reports were made to the Conference from Harmony. Fairfield Station, in the tables, represents the united church, during the balance of the Conference year after May 1st.

It is evident that, with no reports, or very meager ones, from several important changes, the tables do not represent the real growth and strength of the Church within the bounds of our Conference.

The Report of the Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University could not be found among the Secretary's papers, nor could a duplicate be obtained in time for publication; and the Report of the Investigating Committee came into the hands of the Publishing Agent too late to be inserted in the proper place.

H. E. W.